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'NO FOOD WASTE' FROM NEXT WEEK

By David Banner

CANNOCK Chase Council's 'no food waste' campaign starts next week, informing residents that food waste is no longer accepted in the brown bin.

It was estimated that the garden and food waste previously collected in the district contained only a small percentage of food waste.

The council was disposing of this through in-vessel composting or anaerobic digestion, which it says is an expensive process.

From Monday, February 1, residents will be required to dispose of food waste in their green bin or recycle it in the garden with a garden composter.

The council says that this change will not only create a future saving, but it also means that waste from the brown bin can be sent to an outdoor composting facility.

Councillor Alan Dudson, portfolio leader for the environment on Cannock Chase Council, said: "All waste from the district is now disposed of in the most efficient way."

"General 'green bin' waste is sent to a waste power plant in Staffordshire, where it is incinerated to create energy."

Contaminated

"Dry recycling from the blue bin is sent to a recycling facility, and with this service change all waste from the brown bin can now be sent to an outdoor composting facility, not only saving tax payers money but also playing a part in helping the environment," Councillor Dudson added.

"It is important, however, that residents understand the consequences of putting the wrong item in the wrong bin, as a contaminated load could result in that load being rejected and being sent to landfill, which could cost up to £1,500. If residents are unsure of what goes into which bin, a new search facility is now available on our website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/whichbin to assist with ensuring the right item is disposed of correctly."

As part of this service change, residents can request a free composter.

Home composting is said to be the most sustainable way to manage and dispose of garden waste and some food waste such as uncooked vegetables and peelings. The campaign message will be displayed throughout the district in the form of adverts, leaflets, bin stickers, bus advertising and vehicle vinyls, and messages and information will be posted on social media and the council's website.

For more information about what goes into which bin at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/whichbin

More information about garden composters can be found at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/homecompost

'BIONIC LEGEND' TAKES FIRST STEPS IN A YEAR



Clive Smith, who lost his legs in Afghanistan, is pictured here with partner Jenn Price



A video showing Clive Smith taking his first steps

WAR veteran Clive Smith has taken his first steps on new bionic legs after life-changing surgery in Australia.

Afterwards the former soldier, a Wolves fan from Cannock, said: "It's a great feeling."

Sapper Smith remortgaged his home to pay for the £90,000 medical procedure which has meant he can walk for the first time in a year.

The 30-year-old underwent pioneering surgery to join his thigh bones to titanium rods that connect directly to his artificial legs, eliminating the need for sockets which caused painful blistering and left him confined to a wheelchair as he was unable to wear them.

He said: "To walk without the sockets was a great feeling. It's also a weird feeling as I haven't walked for nearly 12 months."

"It took a lot of concentration but it felt like progress – and progress isn't something I've felt in the last year whilst in the UK."

He took his first tentative steps 12 days after undergoing the eight-hour surgery at

Macquarie University Hospital in Sydney. His partner Jenn, a 29-year-old marketing manager, recorded the heart-warming moment and posted it on social media with the message: "And here's the video we have all been waiting to see!!! Please join me in congratulating this bionic legend Clive Smith. Feeling proud."

Leading up to the walk, he carried out daily weight-bearing exercises before having his prosthetic limbs fitted. The osseointegration surgery was carried out by Dr Munjed Al Muderis, an Iraqi medic who fled Saddam Hussein's regime. The 42-year-old said he has a mission to help British soldiers who were injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sapper Smith suffered no nerves before the operation – 'I knew it was the right decision' – and he has not been in any pain.

He said: "Dr Munjed's team are very pleased with the outcome of my op and my progress, although I have a long road ahead.

The physio I need boils my strength up. I'm using muscles that haven't been used before because of the sockets and not walking for 12 months." And he paid tribute to Jenn, calling her 'my absolute rock'. He said: "She has not left my side since being here and is doing my dressings every day and sorting out my numerous medications."

She said it was fantastic to see him standing tall at last, at his full 6ft 6in, and thanked family, friends and Facebook followers for their support. In social media posts, she wrote: "Words can not describe how excited and proud I am of this man. Each day is progress and this man hasn't complained once throughout."

The pair, who knew each other as students at Cannock Chase High School, met up again on social media, and love blossomed. They will return to the home they share in Walsall next month where Sapper Smith is aiming, he says, to live a 'normal' life.

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COUNCIL

£36.5k to replace arson play parks

TWO play parks destroyed in separate arson attacks will be replaced, thanks to a £36,500 cash injection.

Cannock Chase Council has issued a plea for people to respect the new equipment which will be 'like for like' to that ruined by the fires at the Cannock Stadium and Hayes Way sites.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, culture and sport chief, said: "The extent of the damage caused by these two attacks is unprecedented in the district."

Work will start on the play areas in the coming months.

ENTERTAINMENT

Elvis Experience
on way to town

BEN Thompson brings his show 'The Definitive Elvis Experience' to the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock on Saturday, February 13.

The show encapsulates all of the King's eras, from the 1956 explosion that sky rocketed his dynamic career, through to his gospel roots, Hollywood years and 1968 comeback all the way to the later iconic concert years.

For further details and to book tickets, call the box office on 01543 578762 or visit www.wlct.org/cannock/theatre

CRIME

Engagement ring
taken in burglary

A DIAMOND engagement ring was stolen during a daylight raid on a Cannock home.

Cash and a red Acer laptop were also taken from the property in Herondale.

The home was broken into on Wednesday when the intruder removed beading from a side window to gain access.

The ring is a yellow-gold twist ring which had three diamonds.

A Neighbourhood Watch spokeswoman said: "Please warn your neighbours to be on your guard at all times."

Anyone with information on the incident should contact police on 101 quoting the reference 57 2 of January 20.

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Trust in plea on barn owl sightings



STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust are appealing for people to tell them of any sightings of barn owls.

Figures suggest there are fewer barn owls in Britain than ever before and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is appealing for sightings of the majestic bird.

More intensive farming has led to a reduction in habitat and traditional nesting sites, such as hollow trees and derelict farm buildings.

Around 80 per cent of the UK's barn owls now live in man-made boxes.

Monitoring carried out by Staffordshire's Barn Owl Action Group (BOAG)

found 40 breeding pairs across the county in 2015, suggesting barn owls are making a recovery after a drop in the population in 2013 following a cold, late spring.

Despite this, only 19 records of barn owl sightings were sent in to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust from the public across the county last year. For further details visit www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/wildlife-send-us-wildlife-sighting

Meanwhile, the trust is supporting the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' Big Garden Birdwatch.

It is offering 20 per cent off bird food

at all its visitor centres leading up to the event this weekend.

And a special event is being held to mark the start of National Nestbox Week.

There will be a build-a-nestbox session at the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's headquarters at Wolseley Bridge, between Rugeley and Stafford, on February 13 from 11am to 1pm.

People taking part will be able to take nestboxes home for their gardens.

This event costs £5 but is free to residents of Cannock thanks to funding from Cannock Chase Council.

Warehouse scheme to bring £20m investment

A PLANNING application has been lodged to secure consent to build a distribution warehouse on a 20-acre plot at Kingswood Business Park in Cannock.

The proposed building, which extends to a total of 372,000 sq ft, also includes offices of 15,000 sq ft and 329 car parking spaces on the site to the north of Blakeney Way next to Unilever.

If approved, this will be Exeter Property Group's second major new logistics development in the UK, which will involve an inward investment into Cannock in excess of £20 million.

Midlands-based developer Grafton Gate assisted Exeter with the site identification and acquisition, and is retained by Exeter as development managers.

Exeter and Grafton Gate say the new building should prove attractive to large, modern logistics operators, generating a 'significant' number of new jobs and revenue for the district.

Commenting on the application to Cannock Chase Council, portfolio leader for economic development and planning Councillor Gordon Alcott said: "Not only is this proposal significant for the job creation potential it brings, it is also hugely significant in its potential to be one of the largest speculative development schemes proposed within the West Midlands region over the last 10 years, and a massive vote of confidence in the Cannock Chase district."

Rhodri Davies, project and investment services director at Exeter's London office, said: "We are delighted to have secured this strategic site."

Allowances to be frozen to save £3k

ALLOWANCES for councillors in Cannock will be frozen in a bid to save up to £3,000 a year. Cannock Chase Council members agreed the move which will see the basic allowances stay at £5,339.

Special allowances including £18,150 for the council leader, £8,025 for cabinet members and £8,980 for the council chairman will also not be increased.

Deputy leader Councillor Gordon Alcott said: "It was a unanimous decision where members from all parties agreed to a freeze of members' allowances. District councils are struggling with government budget cuts, so we are just playing our part in the process."

The authority needs to trim £578,000 off its budgets by 2018. Among the savings already identified is a shake-up of bin collections.

Pop legends are set for racecourse gig

EIGHTIES pop legends The Human League are to play a concert at a Staffordshire racecourse.

The band led by Phil Oakey will be performing their greatest hits at Uttoxeter Racecourse on May 14. Tickets on sale at www.uttoxeter-racecourse.co.uk

Frontline police will avoid axe, vows boss

THERE will be no cuts to front-line policing in Staffordshire this year despite saving requirements of £1 million, a force boss has vowed.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has declared that £1 million can be saved in 2016-17 without frontline officers being axed, although he could not make the same guarantee for back-office staff.

The PCC has made the declaration in the force's final draft budget proposals. The document states the force would actually spend £2.3m less this year compared with last year due to 'better management'.

Mr Ellis said a lot of fully qualified police officers have been moved from non-frontline to frontline roles and replaced with more specialist staff at a cheaper cost.

He said: "The closest people to an intermediate role are the control-room staff."

"We had quite a lot of police officers in the control room which we have moved to the front line and what we have done now is make sure the control room staff are really specialist."

Merger

"As well as being cheaper, this is also far more effective. Similarly we had a lot of officers running around doing basic investigating work which could be done by someone else. Now officers have a more coordinating role."

However, the PCC could not guarantee there may not be future cuts to backroom staff, stating that work exploring a merger between the police and fire service in Staffordshire was ongoing.

He added: "In terms of the backroom staff we have still got a lot of work to do."

"We are trying to get more money for the police and fire service and get rid of duplication. It is highly likely there will be a restructuring in due course."

Government funding makes up two thirds of the force's budget, and the papers reveal the force is set to receive £610,000 less from the Government compared with last year – £106,424,000 as opposed to £107,034,000. Bosses had been bracing themselves for an expected cut of £5.5m.

The budget proposals will go to the Police and Crime Panel next month.

Clara celebrates 100th in style



Clara Craddock, who likes to be called Nelly, from Burntwood celebrates her 100th birthday

A FAMILY get-together and a card from the Queen – Clara Craddock celebrated her 100th birthday in style. The Burntwood pensioner, who prefers to be called Nelly, enjoyed visits from some of her nieces, as well as her son Clive, and her daughter-in-law Margaret.

Margaret Craddock, 69, said: "She had a really lovely day. She was visited by her nieces Veronica and Karen, and her other niece Pearl and her husband Michael. Her son visited her in the afternoon, and I was there in the morning with treats."

Until August when Mrs Craddock suffered a fall, she still completely looked after herself, regularly shopping or going out for meals.

"She's done really well for herself," her daughter-in-law added.

"There's not very many 99 year olds out there that can go out on their own."

Mrs Craddock was one of nine siblings. She married Henry Craddock when she was 35 and had their only child, Clive, a year later.

During her working life, she worked as a cleaner for the Bishop

of Lichfield. She also spent nine years as an employee of the General Electric Company during the Second World War. She would travel to Birmingham on the coach every morning. Finally, she cleaned for a local school teacher.

She enjoys spending time with friends and family, and was a regular attendee of parties at the working men's club in Chasetown, where she would join in the singing and dancing.

Niece Veronica Stephenson said: "She's still very independent."

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Fundraising army officer 'gobsmacked' at his MBE

AN army officer from Rugeley who has raised more than £250,000 for charity in his 25-year career has spoken of his pride after being awarded an MBE.

Captain Bill Sykes was given the honour in recognition of his efforts over more than two decades and he said he was 'gobsmacked' when a nomination from the Stafford-based 22 Signal Regiment was successful.

The 41-year-old father-of-three said: "I have never set out to get any recognition for myself and it was humbling and a real honour to read the Captain Bill Sykes citation and find out what others think about what I do."

His fundraising endeavours include running the London Marathon carrying a 40lb rucksack three times, the Three Peaks Challenge and more than 50 half marathons. His programme for 2016 includes the London Marathon, various half marathons and the four-day Pedal to Paris bike ride.

He will be raising money for the Royal British Legion and children's charity Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children based in Cannock.

Capt Sykes, currently based at Wattonham, Suffolk, said: "Charities are about making people's lives better and I want to do what I can. I am a father and would like to think that if one of my children was seriously ill a charity would be there to help."

Wartime research will be unveiled

THE results of research into wartime Hednesford are to be revealed at a presentation being held next week.

Organised by Hednesford Town Council, the event is at Pye Green Community Centre, in Bradbury Lane, at 5.30pm on Thursday. Admission is free and all are welcome.

As a result of the commemorations for the 100th anniversary of the First World War, Councillor Derek Davis promoted the idea of researching what it was like on the 'home front' in Hednesford during the years 1914-18.

Since then the town council has worked with Keele University academics, and the findings are to be announced on Thursday. Undergraduate Sam Morris under the guidance of Prof Karen Hunt carried out the task.

Church to stage spirit evening

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church holds an Evening with Spirit at Green Heath Progressive Working Men's Club, Hednesford, on February 24.

The event is ticket-only. Tickets are £10 from Joyce on 01543 579755.



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MP wages war on street litter epidemic

LITTER is an 'epidemic' in Staffordshire which is stopping the county becoming a top tourist attraction in the UK, an MP has claimed.

Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy is hoping to start a campaign to encourage people to dispose of their rubbish properly. Although South Staffordshire is one of a few areas in the county which has seen incidents fall in recent years – reports fell in the district from 455 in 2009-10 to 313 in 2014-15 – they rose in Cannock from 318 to 416 in the period, while Stafford also saw an increase from 353 to 443.

Mr Lefroy said: "It is all part of the same thing. If we want to encourage people to come to Staffordshire we want it to be the cleanest place in the UK."

Convicted fly-tippers face fines of up to £50,000

and six months' imprisonment. In a statement on its website, Cannock District Council says waste causes serious pollution to the environment and attracts arson and further fly-tipping. It can also be dangerous for wildlife. Residents who spot fly-tipped rubbish can report it to their council.

Mr Lefroy went out with constituents Colin Taylor and Kieran Taylor-Smith, from Penkridge, along with borough councillor Carolyn Trowbridge, to clean up a huge pile of litter near junction 13 of the M6. Between them they collected more than 10 bags of discarded rubbish. Mr Lefroy said: "I am trying to start a campaign against litter."

"I want Staffordshire to be a county that encourages people to visit for breaks. We have got great

places – like Cannock Chase, the Potteries – but the one thing that seems to be a problem is the epidemic of litter. It has got worse in the last few years.

"I was inspired by the two residents. We went out on the street where there was a terrible mess at junction 13 by the M6," Mr Lefroy added.

"It was right on the junction just covered in litter. We collected a lot of bags between three of us."

"People usually have a go at councils but litter is actually owned by the person who drops it, not by the council. It is ridiculous to expect us to drop litter and councils to pick it up. It is just unnecessary, unpleasant and irresponsible."

He said the problem went hand in hand with fly-tipping, which has increased in recent years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tickets for Floyd are selling fast

TICKETS are selling fast for a chance to see former boxing world champion Floyd Mayweather Junior in Birmingham next month.

Mayweather will appear at Vox Centre at Resorts World at the NEC as part of his 'Victory' tour on February 12. He will entertain an audience of 850 people – but tickets are already going fast. The retired boxer will pick up £75,000 for his night's work.

Promoter Scott Murray, who has welcomed a host of star fighters to his Bar Sport venue in Cannock, is staging the event.

Group has doubts on retail complex

REVISED plans to create a new major shopping destination in Lichfield have been met with a mixed reaction by the area's civic society.

Property regeneration company U+I, formally known as Development Securities Plc, has submitted a planning application for a proposed Friarsgate development in the city centre. It will now be discussed by councillors in the spring.

The Lichfield Civic Society have given their approval to the plans but have warned that the complexity of the project may prove problematic.

Pub find waistcoat has £500 price tag

A WAISTCOAT discovered in a Lichfield pub and thought to be more than 240 years old is expected to create keen interest among antiques buyers.

The silk garment, dating back to the French Revolution, will be the centrepiece at the Hanso textile auction in Lichfield on February 20.

It is still in pristine condition and is expected fetch about £500. Experts at Hansons could not believe their eyes when it was brought in to a valuation day at the Hedgehog Inn, Lichfield.

Dates revealed for police surgeries

DATES have been announced for drop-in surgery sessions with police officers in Penkridge.

The next one will take place at the Pencri housing development, which is mainly aimed for residents aged 55 and over, on February 17 between 1pm and 3pm. The following session is on March 19 at St Michaels Church, New Road, between 10am and midday.

PCSO Andy Poxon, part of the local policing team for Penkridge and Huntington, will be leading the surgeries.

Winter walk at lakes

A FREE winter bird identification walk is being offered at a wetland nature reserve in Staffordshire. The walk is taking place at Croxall Lakes, near Alrewas, on February 20 from 10am to midday and will be led by Scott Petrek. Places can be booked online at www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk

Amazon to create 2,500 permanent jobs in UK

AMAZON is promising to deliver a jobs boom, creating 2,500 jobs in the UK as it boosts recruitment at its warehouses, including the 700,000 sq ft centre in Rugeley.

The online retail giant said the move will boost its country's workforce to 14,500 and added that it plans to take on 10,000 new staff across the continent, increasing its European staff to 40,000 in total.

In the UK the business said it will hire staff across the country – from London to its research and development centres and warehouses in England, Scotland and Wales.

The Rugeley centre already employs around 1,000 people and was expanded last year with a new entrance, mezzanine floor, lorry park and 340 extra car parking spaces for staff.

It is the third biggest of Amazon's eight warehouses in the UK. Last June, the centre launched a recruitment drive for 100 more jobs – a year after 350 new posts were created.

And over the Christmas period last year, around 3,000 temporary workers were recruited at the site.

Welcome

The business said it has invested more than £11.5 billion in its European operations since 2010, with £4.6bn in the UK.

Business Secretary Sajid Javid said: "Amazon's continued investment in the UK is very welcome news and further demonstration that the UK is a great destination for innovative industries to invest and do business."

"These new permanent jobs will build on the UK's record levels of employment and give added security to working people across the country – from app developers in Edinburgh to fashion photographers in London."

Amazon added it was on track to open its new head office in Shoreditch next year, providing space for 5,000 London staff.

Christopher North, managing director at Amazon.co.uk, said: "Britain has a world-class tech sector with a reputation for innovation and excellence. These new jobs we are creating up and down the country are testament to the quality of the workforce in the UK and our confidence in its economy, which we are proud to support through our continued investments."

The group has attracted anger over its tax affairs. Last May it emerged the UK arm paid £11.9 million in tax in 2014, despite taking £5.3b in sales from British shoppers.



Dee Kelly has her hair and make-up done by sisters Megan and Emily Slater at Soul Care Aesthetics, in Cannock

'Lovely' reality TV star Dee at salon

FROM Benefits Street to High Green Court – reality TV star Dee Kelly was in Cannock to have her hair and make-up done before a TV appearance.

The former Celebrity Big Brother star, best known by her nickname White Dee, visited Soul Care Aesthetics to get ready for a guest spot on the spin-off programme Big Brother's Bit on the Side.

Rachel Morgan, aged 43, director at the High Green Court salon, said: "Dee is lovely. She's just a very nice person, very down to earth."

"She loves her hair and make-up. She'd already been three times before, and she's already booked in to come back."

"She was in the day before too for a facial and after the treatment went straight down to London for her appearance on Big Brother's Bit on the Side. It looked great on the small screen."

White Dee isn't the first celebrity to visit Soul Care Aesthetics. Jay Gardner, star of Geordie Shore, is also a regular customer. "Jay is back in February and Dee's ready to start our aesthetic treatments," Rachel said.



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THINGS on your bathroom shelf. Ever noticed how similar a tube of Oral-B toothpaste is to a tube of Neutrogena hand cream? Deeply unpleasant start to the day.

MUCH has been written and spoken about Jeremy Corbyn's plan for nuclear submarines without nuclear missiles. I like this little analogy from a Scottish website: "I took the blades out of my kitchen knives to see how they'd work. I could still squash tomatoes with the handle but my neighbours called me a **** and are now parking on my driveway."

MEANWHILE, it emerges Mr Corbyn calls his family cat El Gato which is simply Spanish for "the Cat." We have a similar nameless arrangement at Chateau Rhodes where the resident tabby who wandered in seven years ago may be addressed in the course of a day as Puss, Puskin, The Prince, Killer, Poppet, Chick, Button, Sweetie, Fuzzy Face, Sausage and Mate but is usually known as The Cat.

AFTER the massive coverage following the deaths of Mr Lemmy from Motorhead and Mr Bowie from Mars, you might think the media has exhausted their ability to go over the top. Not a bit of it. According to Radio 4 news at 11pm on Monday, the most important global event of the day was the death of Glen Frey of the Eagles.

THE full veil, the medieval symbol of male ownership of women, is alien to British culture and an affront to equality. Like all religious trappings it sends out the divisive message: "I am different from you. I am better than you," which is not a big

step from saying: "You are lower than me. You are worth less than me." At a time when we are at war with people who make their women wear the veil, to see it paraded in the streets is as offensive and threatening as seeing someone strolling through London in 1940 in the black uniform of Hitler's SS. We cannot ban the full veil by law. The essential freedom to wear what we choose is too precious to be extinguished. Yet David Cameron's declaration that he will support hospitals, schools, colleges and other places which insist on the "proper and sensible" measure of facets being visible is a welcome step. As the Tory MP Philip Hollobone puts it: "I don't want to live in a country where a police officer is veiled, where a newsreader is veiled, where a nurse or doctor is veiled." For the sake of freedom we cannot ban the full veil. But in the name of freedom we can desist.

SCREECHING like a banshee, Sarah Palin pledges her support to Donald Trump. What a delightful couple they make: the Trump and the Chump. I can't think of a time when Hillary Clinton has looked quite so appealing.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star



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Charity 'thrilled' by trustee's award

THE West Midlands' leading sight loss charity has congratulated one of its trustees on receiving an MBE by backing a care quality campaign.

Jan Burns, from Great Wyrley, who joined Beacon's Council of Management in 2015, was recognised in the New Year's Honours for services to promoting dignity in care.

Pauline Heffernan, chairman of Beacon, said: "Everyone is thrilled

that Jan has been acknowledged for her dedication to the care sector and tremendously proud that she brings her expertise to our charity.

"As chairman of the National Dignity Council, Jan's main aim is to build the number of dignity champions in the UK."

Jan has been involved with the dignity campaign since its inception in 2008 and was elected as chairman

in 2010 when the National Dignity Council was formed.

A qualified and registered social worker, she has more than 35 years' experience working in a care environment, as well as 12 years' personal experience as the main carer for her own parents.

She said: "Through my personal experience and professional knowledge, I set up a not-for-profit social

enterprise called Safe and Settled Ltd. This introduced me to the Beacon centre two years ago, when I began working with four Beacon volunteers on a Community Connectors project. I strongly believe in the ethos and core purpose of Beacon and I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge and experience to support the team in meeting their organisational business plan objectives."

Villagers in pledge to fight fifth gipsy site

PEOPLE in Essington have vowed to fight a new proposal to create a fifth gipsy site in their community.

Residents of Long Lane attended a public meeting to discuss the third application in 18 months to create the site in a residential area. The proposed site backs onto homes in Long Lane, and parish councillor David Clift said it would house one caravan.

He said residents are furious that despite the plan being refused on two occasions, the idea is back on the table. Councillor Clift said: "Every council has had to produce a site allocation document which includes potential new gipsy sites.

"South Staffordshire are in consultation, we have got to find 30 plots between now and 2028 and at the moment it is in consultation because there are options being put forward including two in Essington. I've had two public meetings, and with the one site that is going to be extended, there isn't much concern, but the one in Long Lane, people are concerned."

"It is a residential area so the plot would back onto the gardens of the existing houses."

He said Essington already had four gipsy sites and the creation of another would be 'site sprawl'.

At a public meeting this month, residents vowed to campaign against the plan. In a separate meeting about an existing site in Bursnips Road, residents voted in favour of the proposal to increase the site by three plots.

A consultation on the proposals ends on February 15.

Thousands join in the fight against fracking

By Heather Large

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James Bay to play Chase forest gig



Hold Back the River star James Bay has confirmed he is to play Cannock Chase on July 8

BRIT Award winning singer James Bay has been announced as the final act to play at this year's Forest Live festival on Cannock Chase.

The Hold Back the River star, whose debut album Chaos and the Calm took the charts by storm last year, will perform at the nature spot on July 8.

He will join indie band Kaiser Chiefs, fronted by The Voice judge Ricky Wilson, as well as Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott for the annual series of gigs, which brings more than 15,000 music lovers to the Chase each year.

Bay, who was named Critics' Choice at the Brit Awards last year, performed to huge crowds at Glastonbury and V Festival in Staffordshire in 2015, following on from the success of platinum-selling single Hold Back

The River, which has had more than 71 million YouTube views so far. This year's Forest Live shows follow on from the huge success of the festival in 2014, when rock legend Robert Plant and pop star Paloma Faith brought their shows into the forest.

In previous years the likes of Jessie J and Tom Odell have taken to the stage at the Chase, delighting music fans.

Forest Live is organised by the Forestry Commission to bring the variety of uses of forests to new audiences. Income generated from ticket sales is spent on protecting, improving and expanding England's forests and woodlands and increasing their value to people and wildlife. Tickets are £34.50 and go on sale tomorrow at 9am.

Aldi submits plea on holiday hours

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Aldi Stores, Milestone Way, Burntwood – variation of condition number 18 of application 11/00370/FULM relating to bank holiday opening times.

The Oaks, Bramble Lane, Burntwood – two-storey rear extension to form living room and bedroom.

20 Leofric Close, Kings Bromley – garage conversion, first-floor and single-storey side extension to form kitchen, family room, utility, bedrooms and en suite.

7C Bridge Cross Road, Chase Terrace – change of use to a dog grooming salon and sale of associated products.

1 Redwing Close, Hammerwich – first-floor side extension to form bedroom with en suite.

Comments by February 8.

Street collectors bring in £133.36

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Cannock on January 9 to raise money for Compassion in World Farming.

The £133.36 raised will enable Compassion in World Farming to continue to campaign for increased standards of farm animal welfare.

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Launch of search for retained firefighters

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has launched a recruitment drive to boost the number of retained firefighters for its stations in the west of the county.

Retained crew members are being sought at Rising Brook, Brewood, Eccleshall, Gnosall, Penkridge, Codsall, Cannock, Wombourne, Kinver and Rugeley.

Part-time firefighters provide emergency response cover from either their home or work base, which needs to be within five minutes of the fire station.

After their initial training course, retained firefighters attend weekly drill nights to ensure they maintain their skills, in addition to which there are many more opportunities for training throughout the year.

Candidates can be called upon to tackle a range of incidents including fires, floods, road traffic collisions and chemical spills. Retained firefighters can also get involved in community fire safety initiatives in their local area, including free Home Fire Risk Checks and school visits.

People wanting to find out more should call or email Gary Fox on 07528 983190 or 01785 898702 or email gary.fox@staffordshirefire.gov.uk or Damian Armstrong on 07794 213478 or 01785 898723 or email dianm.armstrong@staffordshirefire.gov.uk.

Candidates must declare their availability with the service prior to the closing date on Friday, March 4. Applicants should apply online at www.wmjobs.co.uk

Shoppers to show off flipping skills

SHOPPERS in Cannock will be asked to put their pancake-flipping skills to the test to raise money for charity.

On February 6 at Cannock Shopping Centre, shoppers will be able to test themselves and see how many times they can flip a pancake in one minute, for the chance to win a hamper, in return for a £1 donation to Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Natal Chapman, centre manager at Cannock Shopping Centre, said: "As Shrove Tuesday is approaching we thought that this would be the perfect chance to host a pancake competition for our shoppers to enjoy."

"All proceeds will go to Beacon Centre for the Blind and this competition provides us with great opportunity to support a local charity."

Sappers invited to branch meeting

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association will meet on Tuesday at 8pm in The Drill Hall in Walsall Road, Bridgford.

All Sappers, past and present, are welcome to attend. Call 01543 423319.

£5,000 target to get Leo on road



Leo with his mother Lisa and sister Paige

THE family of a small boy, who suffers with the condition global developmental delay, are raising money to get him on the road.

One-year-old Leo Pennell's parents struggle to get him to hospital appointments, having to rely on taxis or public transport to get where they need to go.

With his specialised chair, his parents, from Great Haywood, struggle to take him on days out or holidays too, meaning they have to stay locally. His father Brett said: "We require funding to purchase a vehicle to get

Leo, who has global developmental delay and generalised hypotonia, to his hospital, physiotherapy and neurological appointments.

"Babies and children usually learn important skills such as sitting up, rolling over, crawling, walking, babbling, talking and becoming toilet trained as they grow up."

"While all children reach these stages at different times, a child with developmental delay may not reach one or more of these milestones until much later than expected."

"Raising the money is really im-

portant, as we have to rely on taxis or even public transport to get to appointments, which can add up considerably if we have to take him to Birmingham."

Brett and his wife, Lisa, hope to raise £5,000 through crowdfunding. For more information or to make a donation, visit [gofundme.com/car-for-leo](http://www.gofundme.com/car-for-leo)

Experts say global developmental delay occurs during the developmental period between birth and 18 years old. It affects around one to three per cent of people.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Medium to prove 'something more'

TONY Stockwell will be demonstrating his psychic powers when he appears at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre on Wednesday, February 3.

He uses his 'special gift' to help people in their quest for consolation, and takes 'every opportunity to develop and demonstrate his mediumistic ability, endeavouring to reunite relatives with their departed loved ones'.

Billed as Essex's favourite psychic medium, he says he aims to make others aware that 'there's something more than just our current lives'.

The box office is on 015453 578762.

Centre in appeal for charity partner

DOBBIES Garden Centre Gailey is to launch its community programme by selecting its Local Charity Partner.

Dobbies is keen to team up with an organisation that has strong local roots and works with the community near its store in Gailey. The charity will then have the opportunity to fundraise in-store from of March.

To apply, an application form is available to complete online at www.dobbies.com

All interested charities must apply by 4pm on February 19. For any queries, email community@dobbies.com

Handling charge man, 23, in court

A WALSHALL man charged with handling stolen power tools in Burntwood has appeared before magistrates.

Samuel Mansell denied the count of retention, removal or disposal of stolen goods in Hammerwich on September 17.

The 23-year-old of Oakwood Road will now stand trial at Cannock Magistrates Court on March 16 after appearing at Burton.

Mansell was remanded on unconditional bail.

Covers band will go back to the 1980s

THREE-PIECE band The Loveless will be playing covers from the 80s to the present tomorrow at The Waterfront, Barton Marina.

Then on Saturday, Playin Layzee will be playing anything from rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, classic rock, British rock, punk, guitar-based bands with a big sound to the sweet sound of Motown and Pixie Lott, but 'always with that big Playin Layzee sound'.

The bands take the floor from 10pm until late. Admission is free.

Walking in the hills

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is a moderate walk of eight miles in the Clent Hills. The meeting point as usual is Hedsor railway station car park in Anglesey Street, Hedsor, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details about the outing, contact Rob on 07954 170369.

270 homes to be built on ex-industrial site

PROPOSALS for more than 270 new homes on a former industrial site in Penkridge have been submitted to council planners for consideration.

Persimmon Homes already has outline planning consent for the revamp of the former Lyne Hill Industrial Estate, which will see up to 330 homes in total.

In December, planning permission was granted for the 50 homes - the first phase of the scheme. Now detailed proposals for phases two and three - a total of 271 new houses - have been submitted to South Staffordshire Council. Bosses at Persimmon Homes hope to start work on the first phase of the scheme within the next two months.

Planners at South Staffordshire Council will make a decision on the latest application at a later date. Stephen Cleverley, sales director at Persimmon, said: "Construction will commence in the next eight weeks once we have received approval for phase two and three."

"We will be marketing the new homes from March, with a view to exchanging and completing sales in early summer."

Majority

The plans include a newly constructed public open space, new access onto Boscoomor Lane and the construction of a pedestrian and cycle way along the former railway line. The first 50 homes will be accessed from the A449.

Subsequent homes will be accessed from Boscoomor Lane and will contain the majority of the housing.

Existing industrial units will need to be bulldozed to make way for the new properties.

Part of the plans is to include new affordable housing for new residents, with an allocation of 96 out of the 330 homes.

Planning documents state: "The proposals offer a high-quality sustainable design approach. The result should be a distinctive place which blends the best of traditional layouts with construction to modern standards."

The development will 'complement the natural features of the site'. This includes the trees and topography, and an enclosed play area for children will be created using a mix of existing trees and new formal planting.

The existing stream in the area will now comprise what the developer calls the Waterside, adding an additional pond.

The buildings themselves will be no taller than two-and-a-half storeys.

Binoculars out for Big Birdwatch



Visitor service assistant Julianne Griffin prepares for the event at the Museum of Cannock Chase

OUR feathered friends will be in the spotlight during a birdwatching event at the Museum of Cannock Chase this weekend.

The attraction will be taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch on Saturday. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to talk to visitors about the birds they can see in their gardens and offering advice on how to spot them.

There will also be a chance to make a bird feeder and take part

in other free art and craft activities with a bird theme - curly birds, eagle masks, paper plate birds and flapping crows.

Visitor services officer Rachel Gentle said: "This will be the third year we have had a special winter weekend opening to take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, and this year even more is going on."

"As part of the world's biggest wildlife survey it is also a chance

to learn more about our local bird populations. The museum backs onto the Hedgesford Hills, a local nature reserve, and we get a wide variety of birds in our grounds."

More than half a million people from across the UK are expected to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch by counting the birds in their gardens. People are asked to spend an hour watching the birds in their garden or local park on Saturday and Sunday.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Wristband for free food – get over it!

LYNX House is a service for asylum seekers in Cardiff. Among many things, it provides free food for anybody who wears a wristband to prove they are entitled to it. Or at least it was until this week.

Now you might think that is not a bad arrangement. In fact, it would not entirely surprise me if a few cheeky chappies of the Benefits Street persuasion started rummaging around their drawers for that old Alton Towers wristband in the hope of getting a bit of free grub.

But incredibly, the policy has been abandoned after some of the asylum seekers complained it was undignified. The Welsh Refugee Council compared it to the branding of Jews in Nazi Germany. Similar claims were made last week, when it emerged a property company in Middlesbrough had been putting up asylum seekers in houses which had red doors.

Yesterday marked National Holocaust Memorial Day, when Britain remembers the millions of Jews, and other groups, who suffered unimaginable persecution in Hitler's Germany. Some perished in the gas chambers. Others died in squalid slave labour camps. Female victims had their hair hacked off to make socks for the German Army. Minor breaches of camp rules were punished in ways probably not appropriate to describe here.

I know this because I was privileged to visit Auschwitz last year, and over the years I have met several survivors who have lived through things I cannot begin to understand.

The Nazis didn't offer their victims rent-free terraced houses with shiny red doors. And the yellow stars worn by Hitler's victims did not entitle them to a free buffet.

The horrors of what I saw at Auschwitz will never leave me. And I can't begin to tell you how angry I feel when I hear people comparing a red front door or a wristband for free nosh to what those people went through.



COUNCIL bigwigs in east London have come up with the bonzer idea to clean up their parks. Patrols are being employed to pick up the dog-doings, and take them away for analysis. A team of experts will prod about with the, ahem, ingredients of the poop and then check them against a dog-doings DNA database in an attempt to trace the owner. Now there's an interesting career for somebody.

One does wonder, though, whether Big Baz the skinhead will have taken his borderline legal cross-bred pit bull down to the vet's to be registered. Still, I'm sure the little old lady who can't bend down to pick it up will be fined.

All this at a time of supposed austerity. But there's still money for a dog poo database. And which area of London is carrying out this exciting experiment? Barking. Says it all really.



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Yulong Xiongba makes the racecard at Wolverhampton



A close up of the four-year-old



Mark Shipp with previous trainer Roger Charlton

A racing certainty

You don't need to be rich and famous to take ownership of a racehorse. **MARK SHIPP**, who is living the dream, explains

TRADITIONALLY a pastime for the elite, horse racing is not called 'the sport of kings' for nothing.

That said, there is an affordable way to rub shoulders with the rich oil barons and businessmen. Welcome to the world of the Owners Group.

The group gives everyday folks, like myself, the chance to experience the world of the turf and to have a stake in a thoroughbred. Quite like mega-rich Manchester City playing a non-league team full of window-fitters, mechanics and postmen in the FA Cup, the Owners Group is made up of people from all walks of life, my Asda shop assistant other half among them.

True, our horse Yulong Xiongba (pronounced you-long shawn(g) ba) hasn't quite hit the heights on the track. But the excitement of just telling people 'that's our horse' is something money cannot buy. Put but the Champagne on ice... he's finished third – both times at Wolverhampton – and then followed that up with a second.

Dictated

As a year's membership is less than it costs to keep a car on the road, what is there to lose? Even if our share probably only equates to a toenail on its hind leg – not that he's divvied up that way.

The cost actually depends on the training fees dictated by the yard at which the horse is based. Yulong had been stabled by Derby-winning trainer Roger Charlton near Chippenham in Wiltshire, but has since switched to the Malton, north Yorkshire yard of Julie Camacho. A smaller string means the training costs aren't as high, so a second year of membership is only half the price of what it was the first time round. Bargain.

So what can you expect for your money? Not



Yulong Xiongba, carrying the Owners Group silks, in action on the track

to get rich, unfortunately, though that doesn't stop us dreaming. "This time next year..." as that great philosopher Del Boy Trotter once said.

A regular newsletter informs all syndicate holders what the Owners Group horses are up to and there are text and email updates of when a horse is running or declared to do so. That in turn gives owners the chance to claim a free badge to see their horse race.

There's even merchandise in the form of souvenir pictures and mugs (that's the drinking vessel, not us gullible punters), while stable visits are also offered.

My friend Andy, a fellow Yulong owner, and I took up the offer to see the horse 'at home'. He was well-behaved that day, but unfortunately that has not always translated itself to the course. A seven furlong winner in Ireland as a two-year-old when trained by former Der-

by-winning jockey Johnny Murtagh, we had high hopes Yulong would progress. But more of that later.

My involvement began when my other half spotted a newspaper advert for the Owners Group, looking for shareholders for Champagne Express, a jumper trained by Nicky Henderson – an ideal Christmas present she thought, knowing of my love for the sport.

"But I want us to experience it together," I said. And so our journey began. Shares in Champagne Express were gone when we applied. So Yulong it was. Meanwhile, our first choice won his first race, bolting up at Chepstow to earn nearly £2,000 in prize money.

Another Owners Group horse, Sound Investment, has lived up to its name, finishing first past the post on three occasions, racking up around £80,000 in win and place earnings in the process, adding to that with a third

place finish in the prestigious Paddy Power Gold Cup at Cheltenham. And Yulong? His name means clever person, but he hasn't been too intelligent on the course. His two third-place finishes and one second are his best efforts from his six outings this year. But, like a football team showing steady year-on-year improvement, we know a win is just around the corner.

Spare a thought, though, for the owners of Spirit of Wedze, who, after 13 races, have yet to see their horse get its head in front.

Yulong got off to an inauspicious start when he refused to go in the stalls and unseated his rider on his seasonal bow at Lingfield.

Subsequent races saw him down the field at Windsor and Kempton. He was even scratched on the morning of a race because he had a 'dirty nose' or 'having a bit of a cold'.

Experience

But this ownership lark is nothing to be sniffed at. Yulong has thrived following a change of surroundings. He was only just touched off when third at Dunstall Park – which meant the three of us, myself, my other half and mate, could all witness it. And we were also there when it followed up with another third placed finish, enjoying the ultimate owners' experience.

The feeling was indescribable, collecting an owners' badge, meeting other shareholders and the trainer's husband, cheering Yulong on then watching him parade around the unsaddling enclosure. The joy was unbridled, you could say.

Listening to the trainer's husband Steve Brown is an absolute pleasure. So knowledgeable about his field, he talks the owners through Yulong's races, gives the lowdown on future plans and informs us all how the horse is doing at home. All are convinced the right race will come along and a win is just around the corner. But should that not happen, it's been fun watching him try.

We haven't quite got another Frankel on our hands but as my mate put it, 'we are living the Yulong dream'.

• Owners Group still has shares in a number of horses. Visit www.ownergroup.co.uk or call 01380 811888 for more details. Pictures courtesy of the Owners Group.

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Ex-workers get the chance to recall their mining days



Old colleagues enjoy a pint and a game of dominoes

Ex-miners, electricians, mechanics, officials and employees from other departments at the Get Together
'ANOTHER great turnout' was the reaction after almost 100 former workers attended the 41st Miners Get Together.

The event at Victoria Working Men's Club, in Church Hill, Hednesford, saw 97 ex-miners, electricians, mechanics, officials and employees from various other departments join together in recalling the old days at local collieries.

The first Get Together was held at West Cannock No 5 Colliery in 1974, and when that pit closed in 1982 it was continued. Since then, people who worked at West Cannock, Littleton and Lea Hall join in the day, with min-

ers from as far as Telford, Sedgley and Worcester also attending.

The Get Together gives ex-colliery workers from all ranks the opportunity to join together to remember their mining days, as well as keep in contact with each other. During the afternoon, darts, dominoes and pool were played, followed by a buffet and a raffle.

Get Together organiser Harry Wilkes says the afternoon would not continue without the support of all the ex-miners, many of whom have attended throughout the years.

"What is interesting is that every year someone different turns out to meet their old comrades," he said. "We

must thank all those that continue to help during the afternoon such as Barry Lyckett, Keith Littley, Andy Beard and Nigel Evans.

"A special thanks to Harry's family and friends who provide the buffet. We also thank Church Hill Victoria who have allowed us to use their venue for the last 40 years."

"Considering that it is now 23 years since the last colliery closed – Littleton in 1992 – and the day is still enjoyed by so many, what else could anyone ask for as the comradeship of the mining industry still remains today? Our 42nd Get Together will be on Saturday, January 7, 2017, starting at 12 noon."

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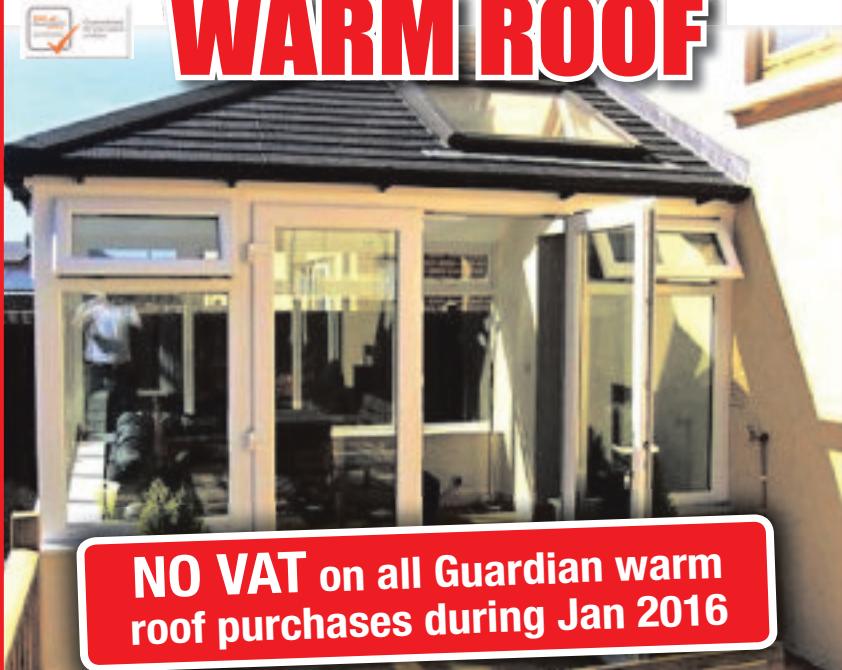
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8 Get in tune with singing campaign

Nowhere in UK has people in such need

IN reply to David Hollings ("Our own charities would grab offer of help", December 31) I do apologise for being unable to reply until now as I have been busy working and supporting various charities and individuals.

An assumption was made (wrongly) that I provide help and support to overseas charities exclusively. This couldn't be more to the contrary.

Compassion is not a zero sum game. Please, no more assumptions that standing up for one cause means you

don't care about others. I also don't wish to get bogged down with the false equivalence and ranking needs.

There is nowhere in the UK which has a collection of people suffering in such abject misery and poverty and are in dire need of only charitable funded healthcare.

Mr Hollings then goes on to state that he respects the right for groups and individuals to choose where they want to help but there are enough opportunities here in the UK which,

quite frankly, is a contradiction in terms.

Mr Hollings has spent a bit of time and effort, reasonably eloquently, pushing his pen to paper to write a letter to voice his objection to what I do with my time, where and with whom.

May I suggest that this time and effort of his be directed towards all that is bad in the world, and he can take his pick of location?

FIONA McGEOUGH
Specialist podiatrist

Wrong figures were used in calculations

MRA Allport claims that there were anomalies in my last letter ("Policies caused the economy to stagnate", January 21) but the reasons he gives are not convincing and for the following reasons I believe he is ill-informed.

During the period he refers to, the previous Labour government were in a world recession that no government could have avoided and tax receipts were well down.

When the coalition was formed in 2010 it claimed it would clear the deficit within five years, which it failed to do. And the recent claim that it halved the deficit is still a failure. To calculate the above would mean using the fact that the deficit has halved as a share of Gross Domestic Product, but most statisticians would use the more common method of calculating the deficit, which is the amount of cash a government borrows to fund its spending. By this method the Government has only reduced it by a third.

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CLARE GELDARD

I CAN Director

Where are the sports facilities?

THIS year started with our government telling us of the need to keep fit – basically the same statement as in 2012, the Olympics year.

Amenities for sport will be made available. I don't see it.

Stone has a population to match a host of Midland towns, Stafford included.

Yet, our only football team, Stone Old Alleynians in the West Midlands Premier League, has to rent a pitch for thousands of pounds to play at this level.

For those who swim, the local community has to use a school pool, only when it is not being used by the school or private hires.

I am told that ex-pro footballer Jim Arnold decides where the budgets are allocated, and we do not qualify.

Our MP Bill Cash apparently does 100 lengths of the Westminster pool each day. It would be nice for the constituents to do the same.

Answers please.

N ARROWSMITH

Stone

Why change anthem just for sake of it?

THE national anthem has been sung all over the world frequently celebrating a British victory whether it be Welsh, Irish or Scottish.

Many countries would love to have a monarch and are jealous of us.

Councillor Paul Witton suggests the present anthem be replaced by Land of Hope and Glory ("Anthem is not about nation", January 21). Has he read the lyrics?

Words like freedom, truth, right and mighty can hardly be used when describing Britain today.

I think this song is Mr Witton's second choice, as The Red Flag must be his chosen favourite.

God Save the Queen has served us well for many years.

Why change something just for the sake of it?

LDT

Heath Hayes

Thank you to staff and customers at Morrisons

CANNOCK Lions Club would like to say a big thank you to the customers of Morrisons in Cannock who donated a fantastic £1,260 over just two weekends leading up to Christmas. Cannock Lions were helping Santa during his visits to the store and were bowled over by the response received.

We could not have done it without the generous support of the management and staff at Cannock Morrisons, who, for the second year, have helped us host a couple of Santas visits to the store.

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£20m to be spent on Shugborough in deal

Dementia policy for Chase



The conference aims to find out how Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty could become the first dementia friendly AONB

THE Cannock Chase AONB team and Carers Association Southern Staffordshire are working together to host a free conference next week.

Funded by Natural England, through its Innovation Fund, the aim of the conference is to find out how Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty could become the first dementia friendly AONB by creating a Dementia Friendly Strategy.

The conference on Friday, February 5, will also be a chance to discuss an action plan to complement

the Cannock Chase Management Plan 2014-19.

Emma Beaman, assistant AONB officer, said the move would 'place us on the map'.

Mac Cock, from Carers Association Southern Staffordshire, said:

"We need to hear from people, especially those who have cared for people with dementia, so we can make sure the strategy is based on local need."

The conference will take place at The White House, Marquis Drive, from 9.30pm to 2.45pm.

SHUGBOROUGH Estate is to be handed over by the county council to the National Trust in a move which will see £20.5 million invested in repairs and maintenance over the next three years.

The charity has also announced a 10-year plan to treble the number of visitors and extend the current season – March to the end of October – to 364 days a year.

But the agreement, which will be finalised on October 31, has cast doubt over the future of dozens of staff and volunteers. A formal consultation with workers will start next month and continue until the summer.

The council has run 64 acres of the 899-acre estate since 1966 on behalf of the trust.

Yesterday, council leaders said the time was right to relinquish its 99-year lease to focus its dwindling budgets on services for Staffordshire's most vulnerable residents.

The council estimates the deal means it will save £35m over the next 49 years – the remainder of the lease agreement.

Transfer

Staffordshire's economy, environment and transport chief Councillor Mark Winstanley said: "It has become increasingly difficult for the county council to invest in the visitor offer at Shugborough Estate. The majority of the budget has gone on maintenance and repairs."

The transfer will see the council pay the trust £6.83m a year for the next three years, totalling £20.5m, towards maintaining the 64-acre grounds as well as carrying out repairs on Shugborough Hall.

Visitor numbers have declined at the Georgian estate in recent years. Andy Beer,

director of the National Trust in the Midlands, said: "We have a ten-year plan which will be split into phases. Shugborough will remain open for business as usual."

Cannock Chase Green Party say they have "grave concerns" about the transfer.

Local co-ordinator Paul Woodhead said: "We will be consulting with the 12,000 residents who supported our Save Staffordshire Countryside campaign to gauge a view as to whether this is a decision supported by the people of Staffordshire."

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No escape from this deadly house



The cast of 'Tiptoe Through the Tombstones', a comedy thriller that starts with the reading of a will

Whittington Players are presenting an extended run of Norman Robbins's comedy thriller "Tiptoe Through the Tombstones" from February 4 to 6.

The play opens as the Tomb family, gathered together by the crooked solicitor, Mortimer Crayle and his secretary, Zoe Mapleton, meet to hear the reading of the will of their recently deceased Uncle Septimus. Set in a creepy

house surrounded by marshland, and with no phone, there is no escape for the hapless inhabitants who witness the increasingly grisly deaths of family members and unexpected guests.

The venue is Whittington Village Hall, and the show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 from 01543 490355 or 01543 433306. They are also available on the door.

Campaign on rogue callers

CANNOCK Chase Council is supporting Staffordshire Police's 'Not sure? Don't open the door' campaign, giving residents advice on how to deal with doorstep callers.

The aim is to help protect people who are targeted at home by rogue traders and thieves.

Councillor Carl Bennett, portfolio leader for crime and partnerships, said: "Although these crimes are very rare it is important that residents are

aware of how to deal with doorstep callers and keep themselves and their families safe. The Staffordshire Police initiative is a good reminder with some excellent tips on how to deal with people that come to your door."

Insp Simon Brownsword, of Cannock police, said: "Staffordshire Police is working together with Cannock Chase District Council to prevent these crimes and ensure that residents are safe in their homes.

"These offences do not occur frequently but residents should be aware of the methods used by such crimi-

nals and follow the crime prevention advice. I encourage residents and neighbours to report such suspicious activity to Staffordshire Police."

If you have been targeted by a rogue trader, it is important to report it to the police by calling 101, as reporting it could prevent it from happening to someone else.

A leaflet with tips on how to deal with doorstep callers is available to download via the website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/be_aware_of_whos_at_your_door.pdf

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June was always elegant and was a very active person, walking from her home into Cannock town centre many times each week.

She sadly died while on her way to St Luke's Church for a Wednesday communion.

June had been an active member of the club for more than 37 years, following her mother, Vi Bowen, a Soroptimist for 42 years. June's daughter Debbie followed and between them these three women had worked to enable, educate and empower women through Soroptimism for 107 years.

Members remember with pleasure the many hours spent at June's home or in her wonderful garden, raising funds for many worthwhile causes to support women locally and internationally. In keeping with all that June believed in, donations made in lieu of flowers were for the SI Diamond Education Grant.

Within a very few weeks the club has lost two of its stalwart members, Dora Leighton and June. They will both be sorely missed.

The Charity Wizz Kids



Ken Webb, left, and president David Mayes collect for the ShelterBoxes

Rotary Club of Lichfield

LICHFIELD Rotary Club is extremely grateful to customers and staff at Morrisons in Lichfield after collection organised by Ian James last November, raised a sum of £713.47, enabling the purchase of another ShelterBox.

This year the club is organising a five-day trip to Strasbourg, home of the European parliament and Strasbourg Cathedral – also known as the Cathedral of Our Lady of Strasbourg and as Strasbourg Minster, a Roman Catholic cathedral.

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Asda is looking to close photo centres sparking jobs threat

ASDA is closing photo centres at seven of its supermarkets across Staffordshire and the Black Country, under new plans. Bosses say that 2015 was a 'tough year' and that is the main reason behind the planned move.

The supermarket giant is refusing to say how many jobs are under threat but a consultation has now been launched with staff.

There are more than half a dozen supermarkets with photo centres in Staffordshire and the Black Country including Avon Road, Cannock; Queensway, Stafford; George Street, Walsall; Molineux Way, Wolverhampton; St Lawrence Way, Darlaston; Brickhouse Lane, Tipton and Windmill Lane, Smethwick. Asda spokeswoman Amy Garbutt said: "2015 was a tough year for UK supermarkets and Asda is no exception. The structure of UK grocery retailing has permanently changed to reflect the way that customers shop today. We know our customers better than anyone else and we need to make sure that our offer meets their changing needs."

"We are currently consulting with colleagues regarding to the proposed closure or sale of our photo centres and aren't able to comment further on the future of this service in our stores until consultation is complete."

Despite the possible closure of the photo centres, Asda is still promoting its online-based 'Photo Legacy' service on its website which converts negatives, slides, prints as well as video tapes into a digital format.

Earlier this month Asda announced it was investing an extra £500 million to lower prices as chief executive Andy Clarke warned 2016 would be a challenging year.



Now – drained and derelict, the popular pond will be filled in and landscaped

Pool to be filled in as duck mess too expensive to clear

A BOATING lake at Chasewater which was drained for cleaning will be filled in permanently because it is too expensive to clean the duck droppings out.

Ducks ended up settling at the pool next to the Innovation Centre after visitors were stopped feeding them near the edge of the reservoir.

But as a result, the ducks' poo built up in the lake, raising fears it was damaging protected plant life in the connecting reservoir and it was drained. Now council bosses have said the pool, which once featured an island, will be filled in.

Councillor Mark Winnington, environment chief at Staffordshire County Council which owns Chasewater, said: "When the county council took over the management of Chasewater in 2014 we found two problems with the model boating pool.

"One was that the valve which released water from the pool into Chasewater Reservoir was broken. The second was that because people were regularly feeding the ducks that had settled there and as there was no water flow the lake was silt-

ing up quite heavily. Chasewater Reservoir is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest because it has some nationally important features, including its aquatic plants, which we have a duty to preserve."

"Those plants thrive in certain conditions found in Chasewater Reservoir. So even if we repaired the valve, periodic heavy discharges of the silt could change the environment and damage the plants."

The county council drained the pool to clean it out but stated it would be to costly to do the same on a regular basis.

Lichfield District Council has granted permission for the lake, which was also used for canoeing, to be filled in, grassed and landscaped. Ideas as to what to do with it are now being touted with one proposal to create a 'fitness trail' being discussed.

Councillor Winnington added: "Burntwood and Norton Canes parish councils support the plan, county councillors Sue Woodward and Jeff Sheriff are contributing towards the work from their 'local fund' and we are looking at options for the site."

Theft victim tells of her fear over intruders

A WOMAN has said she felt 'sheer fear' when she disrupted a pair of would-be thieves who she believes stole £3,000 worth of bicycles from her shed just days later.

Julie Wilson was woken up by the sound of her shed door banging at around 2.30am in the early hours of the morning on January 15. When the 50-year-old of Cedar Crescent went downstairs and peered through the windows into her back garden she was horrified at what she saw – two hooded intruders glaring back at her.

"All I could feel was sheer fear. I just froze," she said.

"It was very frightening, you don't know if they are going to come back."

"I am very nervous now. It has gone through our minds whether we want to move but I suppose it could happen anywhere you just never know."

Attached

But unfortunately for Mrs Wilson, who suffers from chronic actinic dermatitis, a skin condition which means she can't be exposed to sunlight, the pair of intruders or possibly someone else did target the home again.

On January 18, her husband Melvin's work bike and two of her son Jamie's bikes which he used for racing, had been stolen from the brick shed attached to their home – worth £3,000.

For Jamie, 25, it is the second time he has had his bike stolen after his van

containing two cycles was taken outside of JCB, where he works, in 2014.

Mrs Wilson said: "It is a real nuisance."

"I am having to take my husband to work now and my son has worked hard for his bikes and this is the second time this has happened to him."

"It is getting him down, it is his hobby."

"Every time he gets back on his feet he seems to have things stolen again."

Both of the men Julie disturbed on the Friday morning were dressed mainly in black with hoods pulled up, one being tall and the other short.

One had a yellow fluorescent vest underneath his jacket.

The bikes are a silver and orange Vitus Dominer worth £1,800, black and green Boardman worth £300, and a bright yellow Nukeproof valued at an estimated £900.

Staffordshire Police has urged anyone with information to contact them on 101.

Osborne praises MP

CHANCELLOR George Osborne has praised Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling after it emerged the area has been ranked as the fourth most improved for employment rates. He said Ms Milling had been a 'great champion of business' since she won her seat at the general election. The compliment came in the House of Commons as Ms Milling asked Mr Osborne what was being done to make sure Cannock maintain its positive momentum.



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'Disgrace' claim on delay to start on 110 homes



The deserted patch of land off Lakeside Boulevard in Bridgtown is still awaiting development

THE construction of more than 110 homes and a pub in Bridgtown has still not got off the ground, despite planning permission being granted eight months ago.

Plans to build 111 homes and a pub on land off Lakeside Boulevard were approved in May last year, subject to conditions. The proposals were first submitted in September 2013.

But because the conditions have not been met, work on the site has never started, and the plans were going back to Cannock Chase Council's planning committee this week.

Councillor Paul Witton, who represents the Cannock South ward, branded the delay 'annoying' and a 'disgrace'. He said: "It's a disgrace.

We have got a shortage of housing and over 1,000 people waiting. The Government is selling off housing stock and is not replacing it.

"Nationally we have a huge problem with social housing. I don't know why that site has been on hold. Once planning permission has been granted, then work should begin."

Increase

A report prepared for the committee outlined the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the fact the ownership of the site changed hands after permission was granted as the two reasons as to why the 106 Agreements were never met and work never began.

Details have also changed in the application. Previous owners Project AML had promised to make 20 per cent of the homes affordable housing

but now new owners Galliford Try Partnerships have pledged to increase this figure to 50 per cent.

Despite the delay, the report states that Galliford were 'keen to develop this site as quickly as possible'.

As reported last year, toxic waste treatment plant Augean, who are adjacent to the proposed development, flagged up their concerns.

They warned that the development could lead to job losses at their company and that residents would be put at an increased risk from explosions.

On top of Augean, Staffordshire County Council's mineral and waste department has also objected to the plans. They are joined by Environmental Protections and Network Rail who have also objected.

The likes of Severn Trent Water, the Environment Agency and Staffordshire County Council itself have all provided no objection.

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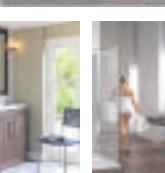
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Villagers voice their fears over HS2 route

VILLAGERS living near the proposed HS2 line have spoken of their fears for the future as a consultation on compensation packages is launched.

Residents and business owners are being given the chance to have their say on the plans.

The track, which will open in 2027, will link Crewe with Birmingham running through Staffordshire countryside from Fradley to Swynnerton, passing Kings Bromley, Blithbury, Colton, Stockwell Heath, Great Haywood, Ingestre, Hopton, Marston and Yarlet.

It will cross the River Trent at Pipe Ridware, the Trent & Mersey Canal at Great Haywood, and the M6 near Swynnerton, while Stafford railway station will be connected to the high-speed network via a link to the West Coast Main Line at Handsacre.

A consultation event for property owners set to be affected by work was held at Kings Bromley Village Hall, with residents looking at and discussing the plans.

Noise

Dennis Willbond, an engineer from Hill Ridware, said: "The racket we are going to have to deal with – a train every three minutes at peak time – is ridiculous."

"My garden will be almost overlooking a maintenance loop, meaning that work to repair trains will keep me up at night and the trains will be making noise in the day."

"I have written to three different ministers for transport since the plans were announced to voice my opposition. I just don't think there is any need to build this. I think people need to stand up and let those in charge know we don't want this."

"Some people aren't even aware of what effect this will have on their lives."

Paul Quance from Great Barr-based Coleman Regeneration, which specialises in transforming brownfield sites for future development, was also among those who attended the consultation event.

He said the firm was keen to find out more about the route to ensure they would

Another stunner from Neal



This stag was photographed on Cannock Chase by Neal McIntosh

HE'S done it again – an amateur photographer who has caught the eye with his spectacular wildlife pictures has shared his latest stunning shot of a stag on Cannock Chase.

In his own words, Tesco worker Neal McIntosh, from Stafford, has gone 'from zero to 100 per cent' in terms of his photographic activity since purchasing his first camera last year.

The 50-year-old has gathered attention on social media thanks to his work and his latest wildlife shot is one of his best, showing a majestic

stag on the fields of the Chase staring directly into his lens.

The amateur photographer said: "What I like about it is the calmness of the stag. He is just looking at me as if to say 'I am here, doing what I am doing, and I am not bothered by you'."

Neal took the photograph using his FujiFilm HS30 EXR, which he purchased secondhand for £100.

The father of one shares his work on social media, through Facebook page Argazki Mac and Twitter account @argazkimac

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Chasewater as captured in its morning splendour by mother-of-five Helen Burbridge

THIS stunning picture was taken at Chasewater by a mother-of-five who said she only takes pictures for a hobby.

Helen Burbridge was hoping to catch a sight of some deer while taking a walk at the visitor attraction in Burntwood.

Instead the 46-year-old from Walsall Wood managed to capture a perfect winter snap of the venue using only her mobile phone.

It perfectly framed frost sprinkled across the ground with Chasewater lake in the background beneath

a bright blue sky set off by a stratus cloud formation.

She said: "It was a lovely frosty morning with a lovely blue sky. I went to Chasewater as I often do to see if I could spot the deer there walking around the sights and I love taking photos."

"I take photos of everything, I love nature and water, and I seem to see photos in everything."

She shared the picture along with two others on Facebook and received dozens of compliments with more than 180 people 'liking' the snap.

Ms Burbridge added: "I just like taking pictures for a hobby so if anyone likes them it's a bonus."

Julie Ceney-Welsh said: "Wow. I'd hang these on my wall. Gorgeous pics."

Emma Lynch posted: "Sky was beautiful this morning. Photos are lovely."

Some even asked if she had used a filter to bring out the extra-bright colours but Ms Burbridge said she had only done a little bit of editing on her phone but had not used a filter.

Steven Kendrick said: "Stunning Helen. Best shots yet."

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Gazing back at indie guitar rock

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

WEDGED between the Madchester excess of Baggy and the birth of Brit Pop, the indie rock music scene of the late 1980s and early 90s hasn't been given its due.

Lumped together under the rather pejorative term 'shoegaze', this movement saw bands turning to the likes of The Velvet Underground, Echo & The Bunnymen, Siouxsie & The Banshees and scene-setters The Jesus & Mary Chain for inspiration. It remains a highly influential era for today's rock scene.

It could be argued that these bands, though few of them became famous names, did more to mould the current indie rock scene than the American grunge rockers who were higher profile at the time.

A handsome new various artists five-disc boxed set from Cherry Red Records, **Still In A Dream: A Story Of Shoegaze (1988-1995)**, sets the record straight. It comes in the form of a hardback book with details on all the bands and essays on shoegaze from UK and American perspectives.

The term shoegaze covers a broad spectrum but at its most recognisable it combined swirling guitars with submerged vocals, as typified here by Swervedriver, Slowdive and Pale Saints. Many of the bands were on such labels as 4AD, Creation and Hut, and other leading lights included Ride, Lush, Curve, The House of Love, and Dragstore.

Some can be seen as psychedelic and drone rockers, including the whole space rock sub-genre created by Spacemen 3 and their spin-offs including Sonic Boom, Darkside, Spectrum and the still active Spiritualized.



Birmingham shoegazers Sweet Jesus hit the scene with Phonefreak Honey in 1992

Other bands included on this 77-track package that are still active (or re-activated) include The Boo Radleys, Flaming Lips and Mercury Rev.

Although the scene was largely Thames Valley based, there are some West Midlands bands featured. These include Birmingham outfits Drop (with Mirrored) and Sweet Jesus (with Phonefreak Honey), plus Coventry's Adorable (Sunshine Smile).

Shoegaze went on to influence bands across the planet, judging by the obscure groups also included from Japan, New Zealand, Sweden and across north America.

This set is not just an exercise in nostalgia, it can be recommended to indie rock fans of all ages.

The James Taylor Quartet are best known for stomping Hammond organ instruments, that have made them firm favourites on the Acid Jazz and Mod music scenes. On the **Rochester Mass** the quartet join forces with the 40-strong Rochester Cathedral Choir in an attempt to blend a Latin-sung choral mass with jazz/funk elements.

It sounds like a recipe for disaster but, although some church music purists may not agree, I think it works rather brilliantly. The sacred quality of the voices are enhanced by the thoughtful jazz-settings, especially the excellent work by flautist Gareth Lockrane.

Recorded in just one day, and dedicated by James Taylor to his late father Clive, the Rochester Mass reaches its sublime peak with Gloria.

Californian sunshine pop band **Harpers Bizzare** are best known for their version of Simon & Garfunkel's The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy). **The Complete Singles Collection (1965-1970)**, which is mostly mono, features that swinging 60s favourite along with their version of Come To The Sunshine, the Van Dykes Parks song which heralded the summer of love, and 24 other tracks.

If I've Been Dreaming, when they were The Tikis, reveals a strong Beatles influence, before they developed a softer, harmonious sound. But for every 60s pop gem there are at least a couple of old fashioned mom and pop standards or show tunes. More barber shop than Beach Boys.



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Factory faces demolition in homes plan



The former edge tool works of Cornelius Whitehouse & Sons will be demolished under the scheme

A FORMER 19th Century brick factory in Cannock will be demolished to make way for dozens of new low-cost homes if plans are approved.

Buildings which were part of the edge tool works of Cornelius Whitehouse & Sons will be razed for the development on the Edgehead Trade Centre, Bridgtown.

Proposals for a development of 39 homes have been lodged with Cannock Chase Council by Leicestershire-based Galliford Try.

The developer says the site off Park Street includes a

redundant brick factory and other ancillary buildings. The application submitted by development manager Tony Bunney says the firm is keen for the new housing estate to fit in with the surrounding area.

It also wants to address the need for new affordable housing. The proposed development will provide a mix of one-bedroom apartments and two, three and four-bedroom houses.

Cannock South ward councillor Paul Witton welcomed the plans, especially the affordable housing.

M6 work near end at last

LONG-RUNNING roadworks on the M6 which have reduced the speed limit to 50mph will finally finish next month, highways bosses have confirmed.

The 'smart motorway' scheme which has been introducing a raft of safety improvements between junctions 10a for the M54 and 13 for Stafford was initially set to be finished by the end of last year until Highways England pushed it back to January.

With the January deadline set to pass, the authority has given a revised date of February.

Sources close to the project have claimed that the latest delays in the multi-million pound scheme were due

to the wrong signs being ordered. But Highways England has strenuously denied this and put the delays down to 'a number of technology issues'.

An unnamed source claimed the signs for the motorway project were the wrong size, which had caused a delay. Highways England has dismissed the claims, insisting it is technology problems that are causing the hold-up as thousands of motorists wait for the stretch of motorway to open fully without the 50mph speed limit.

Dave Cooke, project manager for Highways England, said: "There is no issue with signs preventing the opening of the M6 junctions 10a to 13."

"We have been working to resolve a number of technology issues over recent weeks to ensure that we can deliver a smart motorway that is safe

and up to the required standards. M6 junctions 10a to 13 is one of the schemes that we committed to completing this financial year."

"Our delivery plan sets out that our expectation was for this to be between October and December 2015."

"The work is now largely complete, and we expect to be able to fully open the scheme in February this year."

Highways England declined to expand on what exactly the technology issues were. An estimated 120,000 vehicles a day travel between junctions 10a and 13 and the work being carried out is designed to alleviate congestion by introducing a raft of measures.

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Network Veka, an esteemed group of around 150 companies, ensures that homeowners are treated fairly by an organisation

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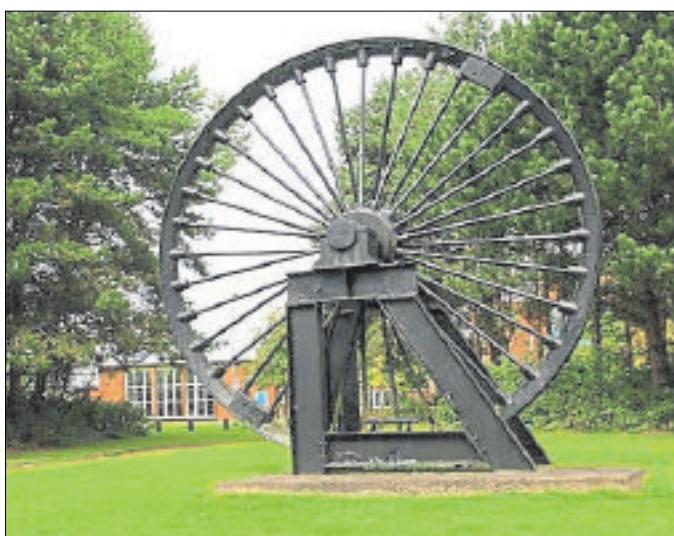


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The centre was set up after the council purchased the former West Cannock No 5 Colliery

STARTING your own business, or looking for office/ workshop accommodation?

Staffordshire County Council has developed a number of office and workshop units to let in Staffordshire as part of its overall strategy of regeneration and economic development.

The concept of the Enterprise Centres is that by providing the right size of accommodation in an affordable sheltered environment, new and young firms can be nurtured to the stage where they are well equipped to face the full rigours of the business world.

By operating this way, similar schemes elsewhere in the country have dramatically reduced the failure rate of firms compared to the average. There will always be failures, but there are others which will grow quickly and provide additional job opportunities.

Eventually the success of the Enterprise Centre will be judged on the number of firms leaving to expand into larger premises.

There are other firms who will want to stay small because this is the way the proprietor wants to operate and provided that there

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

is sufficient movement within the centre to allow for new small businesses, there will be no pressure to move them on.

Finally, it is the purpose of the Enterprise Centre to promote the concept of self-employment and to show by example that it is possible with the help of a little capital, a sheltered environment and seeking assistance from the many business advice services around it is possible to start a small business and gain a reasonable living.

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We offer support to businesses enabling them to develop in line with their growth plans, including assistance with the creation of business plans, signposting, professional support and advice with periodic reviews and monitoring if needed.

Support will also be provided throughout the duration of the tenants' stay, through to when they vacate and move from the centre.

Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre is the largest centre and is

situated in the heart of Cannock Chase. It offers 25 unfurnished office units, 29 workshops and 26 industrial units, ranging from 108 sq ft to 1,500 sq ft.

During 2016, it will celebrate 30 years of success and has helped many businesses to develop and grow. It originally started when the council purchased the former West Cannock No 5 Colliery in March 1983.

The aim was to refund the land to public open space as part of the Chase. This work was completed and the Country Park was opened by Councillor J O'Leary, the then vice-chairman of the county, in March 1989.

The pithead buildings, the bath house, the lamp room complex, some workshops and garages, the canteen and the colliery offices were also included and have been refurbished and sub-divided as the Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre.

The cost of providing the Enterprise Centre (including the land purchase and the consultants fees) was in excess of £1 million.

The funding was provided by the Department of the Environment through the Derelict Land Grant.

Other units are available at our other sites in Burton-upon-Trent, Stafford, Uttoxeter and Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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£2.5m refit on the way but still no night A&E

PLANS for a £2.5 million revamp of Stafford's A&E have been unveiled – but it will still remain closed overnight.

The work will leave County Hospital with bigger consulting rooms and an improved method of how medication is dispensed. It will bring the facility into the modern era after years of problems, bosses say.

However, some critics, including members of the public are not happy with how the money has been spent, and believe it should have gone towards making the department a 24-hour operation and providing more staff to lighten the load on overworked doctors and nurses.

The department stopped offering an overnight service in December 2011, and despite the latest investment, the department will remain operational from 8am to 10pm, as it has since the Stafford Hospital scandal. The nearest overnight service is at Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Changes

Mark Hackett, chief executive for the Stafford and Stoke hospitals, says the current provisions are sufficient, and there is no need to reopen Stafford at night.

He said: "It has taken several years to develop the service change plan currently being implemented. The plan is in line with service changes recommended by the Trust Special Administrator.

"These service changes were widely consulted upon in the summer of 2013, were assessed and supported by leading national and local clinical experts and were approved by the Secretary of State for Health in February 2014. They are part of an unprecedented £300m

Photos plea in celebration of county wildlife

PHOTOGRAPHERS are being invited to submit pictures celebrating Staffordshire's varied wildlife and landscapes for a charity's 2017 calendar.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has launched a competition to find 12 stunning images of the county's varying wildlife and landscapes for the calendar which goes on sale later this year.

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Galactica at Alton Towers is the world's first rollercoaster fully dedicated to virtual reality

THE world's first 'virtual reality' rollercoaster where passengers wear headsets to experience to ride will be opened at Alton Towers.

Designs for the latest attraction have been unveiled by the Staffordshire attraction, seven months after a horrific smash on the Smiler ride that seriously injured five people.

Bosses hope the ride will give the park a boost after visitor numbers dropped following the accident.

Galactica, which will open in April, will be the first rollercoaster in the world fully dedicated to virtual reality, combining the sensations of a physical 'flying' ride with a journey through space. Several virtual-reality recordings simulate rollercoaster rides, but Alton Towers said Galactica would combine the two experiences for the first time.

Over the course of the three-minute ride, the headsets will show passengers a journey across a series of different galaxies, timed to coincide with the ride's twists, turns and falls. Lying facedown, they will experience a maximum g-force of 3.5gs, which the park says is more than astronauts typically experience during rocket launches.

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Anniversary park enjoys its best year for crowds

A HUGE firework display, a £2.5m expansion and its busiest ever day – just some of the reasons Drayton Manor smashed its attendance record in its 65th anniversary year.

The award-winning attraction welcomed more guests in 2015 than any other year, with a 10 per cent increase on the previous season in 2014.

By Jack Averty

The park's CEO, Colin Bryan, said: "Our 65th anniversary year has been a truly momentous year for the Bryan family, and all of the staff here and we're so pleased to have been able to provide so many families with lasting memories."

"We always want to go above and beyond to make sure every season is better than the last for our visitors, and this year we did just that. We're really looking forward to another fantastic year in 2016."

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A third of 15-year-olds think they are too fat

A THIRD of 15-year-olds in Staffordshire and the Black Country think they are too fat, while up to 15 per cent have been the victim of cyber bullying, new research has found.

Teenagers across the country were asked questions about their lifestyle, emotions and attitudes.

More than one in 10 said they had low 'life satisfaction' – but between 40 and 45 per cent rated it as 'high'.

The survey, by the Health and Social Care Information Centre, is intended to give a snapshot of the typical 15-year-old. Participants were asked whether they were 'too thin', 'too fat', or 'about the right size'.

Although the highest number in each area were happy with their size, around a third thought they were too fat. And girls were twice as likely to think they were overweight than boys.

In Dudley 33.1 per cent of all 15-year-olds answered this way – but this included 21.9 per cent of boys compared to 45.1 per cent of girls.

Bullied

A total of 33.8 per cent in Sandwell thought they were too fat – 26 per cent boys and 43 per cent girls; 35.9 in Walsall – 27.4 boys and 45.7 girls; 33.3 in Wolverhampton – 23.9 boys and 43.2 girls; and 32.7 in Staffordshire – 21.6 boys and 44.2 girls. And 55 per cent of Dudley 15-year-olds said they were 'about the right size', compared to 50.7 in Sandwell, 51.1 in Walsall, 54.7 in Wolverhampton and 53.3 in Staffordshire.

Across England, 55 per cent of young people said that they had been bullied in some form in the past couple of months. In Staffordshire it was 55.5 per cent, compared to 49.6 per cent in

Membership of business groups now tops 1,400

THE Chambers of Commerce in Staffordshire are celebrating the news that membership figures have broken the 1,400 mark.

A total of 1,410 businesses across Staffordshire are now members of the chambers, equating to a 10 per cent increase in the last 12 months.

Membership director Chris Plant said: "We are incredibly proud of our growing membership, and breaking through the 1,400 mark is a tremendous milestone for us. Businesses that join the chambers immediately enter a 1,400-strong network of like-minded people who they can connect, work and share knowledge with – all things that we know are important to our members."

"Businesses join Staffordshire chambers for a whole range of reasons – to access business support, training, networking opportunities, events, expert advice and to promote what they do."

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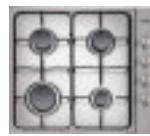
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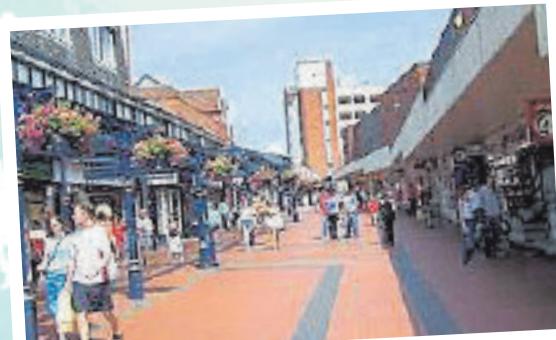
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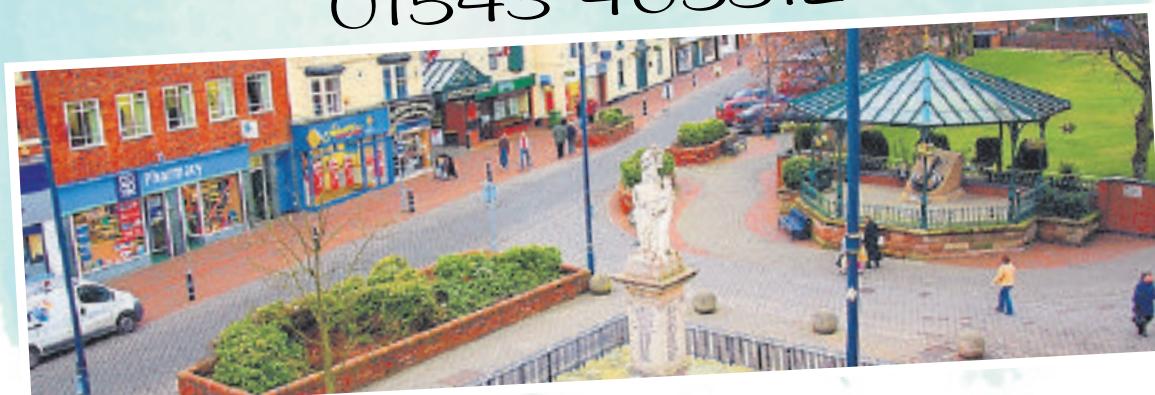
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Clare before her weight loss



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A STAFFORDSHIRE woman has lost an incredible 11 stones in under a year. Clare Johnston, aged 33, who is 5ft 3in, weighed 21st 11lb.

She was morbidly obese, but one year on, she is now healthy 10st 11lb. She has trained as a slimming consultant and has opened her own group in Penkridge.

Clare, from Stafford, began her transformation after realising her obesity had ruined a romantic getaway to Chester with husband Ryan,

on Valentine's Day. What should have been a fun weekend turned out to be a depressing realisation of how her weight was affecting her life.

"I felt so un-sexy, especially when we went down to dinner. Everyone else looked beautiful, and I sat in the only dress I could find in the shops to fit my size 30 body," she said.

Clare returned from her weekend away and joined a Slimming World group, eventually opening her own group at Peace Memorial Hall.

By Carl Jackson

PENKRDGE Library will be open an extra a day a week - but the total number of opening hours will remain the same.

Staffordshire County Council has confirmed that the facility at Bellbrook will be opened up on Mondays in the future.

However, the library will still be open for a total of 28 hours a week, despite calls from residents to extend hours.

The service's opening hours will be Monday 2pm to 6pm, Tuesday 2-7pm, Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 2-5.30pm, Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 9.30am-1pm.

The main change is to reduce the opening hours on a Thursday to allow for it to open on a Monday.

Flexible

The decision follows a public consultation into service changes at the county's libraries, with people suggesting the community would benefit from extended opening hours.

A report written in response to the council's decision said: "Many respondents wanted longer opening hours for their community, and for those hours to be more flexible for those who work or attend school."

"A few respondents stated that it was 'unfair' that Penkridge's opening hours were less than those of some other libraries such as Eccleshall Library."

"A few respondents felt that the consultation had not been publicised sufficiently well."

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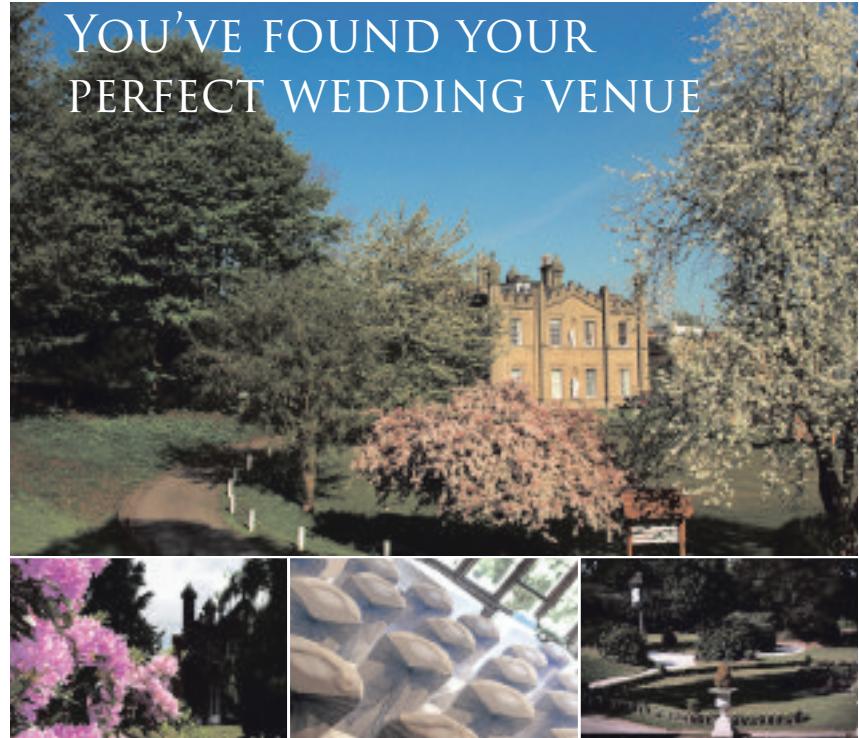


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REVIEW

By Sue Attwater

IT'S easy to sum up the Strictly Come Dancing tour. Just one word, three syllables - A-MAZ-ING!

The show recently was named as the best entertainment programme in the National TV awards and the follow-up tour certainly gets my vote as the best to date.

The dancing, settings and effects were all superb - just one quibble. Why when the 'Magnificent Seven' are strutting their stuff do they have to have professional dancers on the stage performing with them. Good as the pros are it is the celebrities we are there to watch.

Close

The marks from the judges were close throughout but it was the current champion The Wanted's Jay McGuiness dancing with Aliona Vilani - who recently announced she was leaving the TV show - who again picked up the glitter ball on the first night of the tour at Birmingham's packed Barclaycard Arena.

He and Countryfile's Anita Rani and professional partner Gleb Savchenko were neck and neck at the end but Jay clinched it. His jive dance from the Movie Week was sensational and had the audience cheering and stamping their feet.

Gleb did get his shirt off a few times to win fans over. Certainly judges Craig Revel Horwood and Bruno Tonioli were impressed. They were joined, of course, by head judge Len Goodman who admitted that he really missed going on the tour last year. Compre-



Mel Giedroyc, on top of the cake, surrounded by the Strictly crew

was Mel Giedroyc who joked with the celebrities after each dance leading to one interesting revelation. Jay, when asked where he kept the glitter ball, said it had pride of place - in his twin brother's toilet. Mel also persuaded Len to give her a quick tango lesson while the votes were being counted. Hilarious!

The phone votes by the audience come after the second dances and 10% of each call goes to Sport Relief.

Referring to the tour as the Great British Dance Off - instead of her usual Bake-Off role - she had appeared at the start of the show from a giant cake, she was obviously loving her role. Although I am not sure why she had to keep referring to her prompt cards so often.

The rest of the line-up included this year's TV finalist actress Georgia May Foote dancing with new recruit Giovanni Pernice. Known as team GG they made the perfect couple - on and off stage from what it is reported.

Call the Midwife Star Helen George dancing with Aljaz Skorjanec scored highly with their lovely Viennese

Waltz and Ainsley Harriott, dancing with Karen Clifton instead of his regular partner Natalie Lowe, who had to pull out through illness, may not have had perfect technique but certainly kept the judges and audience amused.

Previous strong contenders from earlier TV shows were The Saturdays' singer Frankie Bridge who could not go on the tour last year as she was pregnant. She danced with Kevin Clifton who was obviously impressed with how much she had remembered.

Shake

Last, but not least, was EastEnders' Jake Wood. He danced with Janette Manrara and he certainly could still 'shake his booty'.

The judges, referred to by Mel as the good, the bad and the ugly - needless to say who she meant, marked generously with 10 for many dances apart from Craig who held on to his 10 until the end giving it to Jay for his jive.

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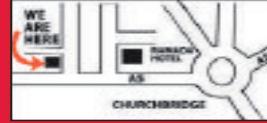
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Council tax set to rise by 1.95pc

COUNCIL tax in Cannock Chase will rise by 1.95 per cent under new plans announced by the authority.

Leaders say the increase, which equates to 6p per household per week, would protect future frontline services.

The precept has remained the same in the district since the 2013-14 financial year but now the council's cabinet chiefs have recommended it be raised, blaming a reduction in government funding.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "As well as reductions from the Government, the council tax freeze grant, where councils were encouraged to freeze council tax, is also no longer available, so it's looking like we have got no choice but to increase council tax for the first time in three years, or our frontline services will be affected."

"The average increase equates to just over six pence per household per week."

The council is set to see its Whitehall funding fall by 40 per cent – nearly £2 million – over the next four years.

The council's cabinet will discuss the tax increase on Monday.

An outstanding year for house builder Cameron



Ian Burns – 'extremely proud'

By John Corser

A HOUSE building firm based in Chasetown has announced an outstanding performance for last year.

Cameron Homes, which has its head office in High Street, carried out £31 million worth of business in 2015 – a 50 per cent increase on the previous 12 months.

The privately owned company, which was founded more than 20 years ago, completed a total of 82 homes last year, up by 15 per cent, and profits more than doubled to £4 million.

"These are exceptional results and we are extremely proud of our performance," said Ian Burns, managing director of Cameron Homes.

"We have a dedicated team of staff, which now stands at more than 50 people, and they have all contributed to the success of the firm."

"Our achievements can be attributed to a number of factors, particularly the very high standard of properties we provide in prime locations throughout the Midlands.

"Customer satisfaction levels are high, and

we are now expanding our customer care team, as well as creating other new jobs."

"We continue to offer work experience opportunities, develop apprenticeships and graduate placements and encourage our staff to undertake professional qualifications and training."

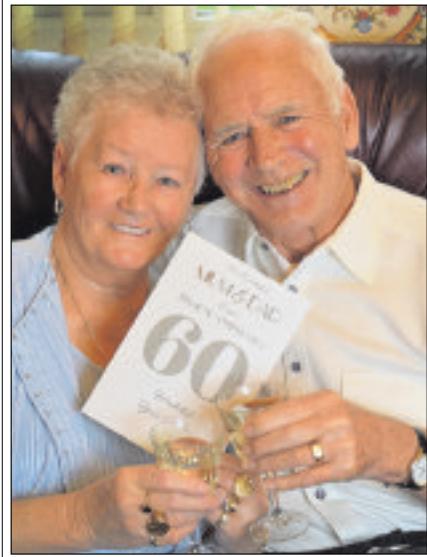
During the last year Cameron won a regional business award and one of its employees was named in the list of top site managers in the UK building trade.

A range of charities and good causes have been supported and the firm also announced a £25,000 schools sponsorship deal to encourage girls' participation in sport.

"This community involvement will extend into 2016 and our corporate expansion will also continue apace, with plans to recruit more staff, contractors and sub-contractors, so boosting the local economy," added Mr Burns.

New development sites earmarked for this year include Kings Bromley and Hill Ridware in Staffordshire; Erdington, Tividale and Aldridge in the West Midlands; Measham and Breton on the Hill in Leicestershire, and Burton upon Trent, Barton, Swadlincote and Bredwood in Staffordshire.

Diamond couple celebrate milestone



Cannock couple Pamela and Michael Preece, who are celebrating their diamond wedding

HE worked down the mine and she worked in the factory over the road – 60 years later they are celebrating a marriage milestone. Michael and Pamela Preece married in 1955 having met 12 months earlier.

While he was working underground at Mid Cannock Colliery, she was working alongside his sister as a machinist respectively. The secret to their long marriage, Michael said, is simply love and family. "It might sound silly but you have got to love each other, really look for each other and put each other first," he said.

"The children have also held us close together. We have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They are all on the internet so I see them on Facebook and on Monday we went for a meal with them." The pair have three children – Stephen, Debra and Julie – and have lived in Cannock their entire married life. While Michael went on to work for British Gas at the town's depot, Pamela stayed at home to bring up their children. In recent years the pair, who live off Pye Green Road, have enjoyed several holidays abroad together.

The happy couple on their wedding day

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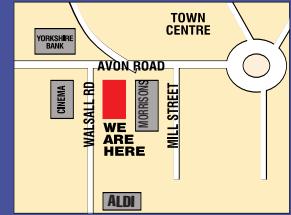
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1,600 number plates stolen from vehicles

MORE than 1,600 number plates have been stolen from vehicles across Staffordshire during the past four years.

Thieves have targeted 1,677 vehicles since 2012 – the year when the most plates were taken over a a 12-month period.

Steady

Four years ago police were called to deal with 484, which dropped to 373 cases in 2013. Figures released through the Freedom of Information Act revealed crimes rose again over the next two years, reaching 394 in 2014 and 426 last year.

Staffordshire Police have issued anti-theft number

plate screws in a bid to curb the steady rise in the crime.

David Twist, crime prevention manager at Staffordshire Police, said: "There has been a slight increase in thefts of number plates over the past three years. We in the crime prevention team and colleagues on local policing teams keep a note of any prevalence of these thefts."

"When a problem is noticed for a particular area, we are able to schedule an event where anti-theft number plate screws are issued free of charge."

"These screws mean the plates cannot be removed without the use of a drill, making them more secure."

Specialist role for Matt



Mr Raybould

MATT Raybould from Cannock has joined radiator manufacturer Stelrad's brand specialists team responsible for the Midlands. The 25-year-old Sports Management graduate of Manchester Metropolitan University is new to the heating sector but says: "A desk job is not the way forward for me and this role allows me to meet new people every day and travel extensively through my territory. I'm enjoying the job hugely."

More pupils getting top marks in their GCSEs

THE number of pupils in Staffordshire gaining five or more good GCSEs has risen over the past year, new figures show.

Across the county, 56.1 per cent of pupils gained the Government's benchmark of five or more GCSEs at A* to C, including English and maths. The figures see Staffordshire rise seven places in the national tables to 94th out of 152 local authorities.

But the new Department for Education (DfE) figures show the county slipped seven positions down the table for A-level results.

Councillor Ben Adams, cabinet member for learning at Staffordshire County Council, said: "This year we have really improved on our GCSE results, meaning Staffordshire students are achieving better than the national average.

"Getting the right mix of skills is important for any future career, so today's results are an important step in making sure that pupils in Staffordshire are equipped to progress into further education, university, training or apprenticeships.

Vital

"However, whilst improvements have been made at A-level, it is clear that more needs to be done.

"We want people in Staffordshire to have the best possible chances of a fulfilling career, so it's vital that our colleges and training providers offer a choice of high quality academic, professional and technical courses.

"It's essential that students in Staffordshire who want to go on to university, apprenticeships, or take advantage of the skilled jobs being created on their doorstep in engineering, sci-

Hunt begins for PCSOs – the 'key to police family'

STAFFORDSHIRE Police has started a recruitment drive for new PCSOs.

The force is looking to recruit the community support officers to start in June and July. They will be predominately based in south Staffordshire. The force will not say how many positions are available.

Assistant Chief Constable Nick Adderley said: "From day one the successful candidates will be helping to fight crime and protect the public of Staffordshire."

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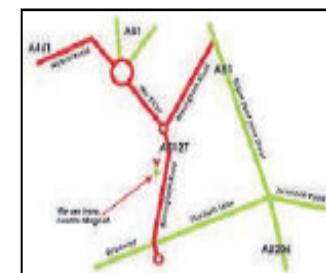
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Nara, Japan's first capital, dates back to the eighth century. It's famous for its great Buddhist monuments and time-honoured festivals.

Mount Fuji is probably one of Japan's most recognisable sights and two of the surrounding lakes are visited - Lake Kawaguchi, which is undiscovered by most visitors then at the Hakone mountain resort, a trip is made by aerial gondola to see the Owakudani 'Boiling Valley.' Descending to Lake Ashi there is a cruise on an unusual Japanese version of an early 19th century pirate ship.

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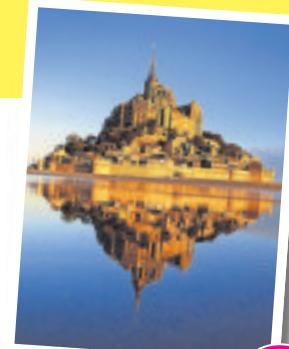
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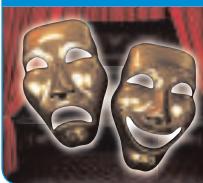
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Hit revival of play calls at the Grand



Geoff Leesley as Mr Birley confronts Inspector Goole, Liam Brennan, in An Inspector Calls picture Mark Douet

STAGE and film director Stephen Daldry's award-winning National Theatre production of JB Priestley's classic thriller *An Inspector Calls* is staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, February 2 to 6.

Stephen Daldry, the Oscar-nominated director best known for *Billy Elliot* and *The Reader*, won his first major directorial success in 1992

when his visionary revival of *An Inspector Calls* at the National Theatre. The plays tells of a dinner party at the home of the wealthy Birling family shattered by the mysterious Inspector Goole and his investigation into the death of a woman.

Featuring Ian MacNeil's ingenious designs, a sweeping score by Oscar-winning composer Stephen Warbeck and atmospheric lighting

by Rich Fisher, the production has received 19 international awards, including the Olivier Award for Best Revival, Best Director, Best Designer and Tony Awards on Broadway.

The production went on to be the longest running play revival in history, in the West End for six years, on Broadway, across Australia, the United States, Japan and Europe, and has completed seven major UK tours.

Comic Stew's Room service

SOLIHULL-RAISED TV comic Stewart Lee will headline Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre to prepare for a new series on BBC 2.

Lee will perform Room With A Stew at the city centre venue on Sunday.

The show will feature fresh material for his new TV show Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.

Lee's recent work has won starry reviews from critics with the Guardian describing him as more playful and skilful than ever. The Times wrote: "What is exhilarating is how many surprises he still throws in and how deft his jumps are from one tone to another... invigorating."

Lee follows his muse and delights when jokes arrive. "Sometimes I read that I'm this left-wing comic who just goes on about politics the whole time. Other times I read that it's just surreal nonsense about crisps. It's both of those."

Terrifying

"Or I read there's no jokes and it's just about cleverness of structure and then I read a criticism of the last series that it was an obvious bid for mainstream acceptance by being full of jokes. It's a lot of things."

"I don't know where the ideas come from and it's terrifying. They seem to be absolute flukes."

"When I was in my 20s I'd walk around with a notebook all the time and make sure I wrote down anything that occurred to me. "Now I'm just hoping that some sort of event will descend on me."

'I don't know where the ideas come from'



Shows are Strictly for fans of dance

KEEP dancing with Strictly Come Dancing professionals this weekend. Tomorrow (Fri) Brendan Cole brings his A Night To Remember show to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. A veteran of all 13 series of Strictly, Brendan won the first with Natasha Kaplinsky and in the latest partnered Kirsty Gallacher.

On Saturday it's the Just Gotta Dance show with Anton & Erin at Birmingham Symphony Hall. Australian Erin Boag took part in series one to ten of Strictly, reaching second place with Colin Jackson. Anton du Beke is a veteran of all 13, third with Lesley Garrett in series one before reaching the final again last year with Katie Derham.

Nigel's fresh take on Four Seasons

VIOLIN virtuoso Nigel Kennedy found fame with his two-million selling 1989 recording of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and, after experiments with jazz, rock and Jewish klezmer music, has returned to his most famous work for a concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Sunday.

The 59-year-old former boy prodigy has strong associations with Birmingham, not least because the Brighton-born musician is an avid Aston Villa fan.

He will perform a fresh take on The Four Seasons, after his latest recording which blends Vivaldi with jazz and rock, and his own compositions in The English Collection.

Solo gig by Mac of The Bunnymen

ECHO and The Bunnymen frontman Ian McCulloch will be giving a rare solo performance at the Robin 2 in Bリストon.

Formed in Liverpool in 1978, The Bunnymen became one of the most popular indie rock bands of the 1980s.

The band's top ten singles included The Cutter, The Killing Moon and Nothing Lasts Forever. They released 12 studio albums between 1980 and 2014.

McCulloch will play stripped down versions of band's classic tracks, as well as songs from his own four-album solo back catalogue on Wednesday, February 3. Tickets cost £18.50 or £20 on the door for this seated show

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Crystal Yu

Casualty (BBC1, 9.10pm)

The day of Dixie's disciplinary hearing arrives, but things get off to a bad start when she is held up by an incident, and when Jess asks her to move to Cornwall with her and Olivia, the paramedic must decide whether to follow her head or her heart. Lily desperately hopes to re-establish her bond with Ethan by trying to convince him to stay, Connie tries to come up with a meaningful gift to make up for missing Jacob's birthday, and Robyn's appearance on the cover of Holby Pulse only serves to increase Big Mac's feeling of shame over abandoning Noel to his mystery mugger. Medical drama, starring Jane Hazlegrove, Michael Stevenson, Charles Venn, Amanda Mealing and Crystal Yu.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. **(R) 12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Tennis: Australian Open Highlights. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. **(R) 3.15** Escape to the Country. **(R) 4.45** Final Score. **5.10** Now You See It. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.
- 6.00** **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a star-studded version of the unorthodox general knowledge quiz.
- 6.50** **The Getaway Car.** Brothers Milt and Dee, husband-and-wife duo Charlie and Kate, best friends Chloe and Bethany, sisters Val and Babs and new couple Joseph and Karen tackle the Getaway Car circuit.
- 7.45** **The Voice UK.** Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson appraise the talents of more would-be stars as the spinning-chair singing contest continues. This week marks the fourth of seven "blind audition" rounds, and tensions are beginning to rise between the superstar coaches. Kevin Simm, former member of pop group Liberty X, shows off his skills as a solo artist, and his performance causes a dramatic clash between two members of the panel. Plus, 16-year-old aspiring star Heather Cameron-Hayes, rockabilly singer Sammy-Jo Evans and duo The Dublin City Rounders take to the stage.
- 9.10** **Casualty.** Dixie's disciplinary hearing gets off to a bad start, and she considers moving to Cornwall with Jess and Olivia. Meanwhile, Lily tries to re-establish her bond with Ethan.
- 10.00** **The National Lottery Live.** Actor Matthew Kelly joins Gaby Roslin at Lottery HQ, where he is invited to press the lotto button and reveal the all-important winning numbers.
- 10.10** **BBC News:** Weather.
- 10.30** **Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest FA Cup fourth-round ties; National Lottery Update.
- 11.50** **Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle of Life.** (2003) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **(1.40**) BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.30** Race to Super Bowl 50. **(R) 7.20** Film: Cowboy. (1958) **8.45** Film: The Quick Gun. (1964) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. **(R) 11.10** Natural World. **(R) 12.00** Best Bakes Ever. **12.45** Come Dine With Me. **1.30** Fire Down Below. (1957) Romantic drama, starring Rita Hayworth and Robert Mitchum. **3.20** Film: Film TBA. **5.35** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. **(R)**
- 6.35** **King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy.** The first of two documentaries providing an insight into the lives of George V and Queen Mary, revealing their lasting influence on Britain's monarchy. The opening film focuses on King George, highlighting how a Victorian-age conservative ended up becoming an unlikely moderniser. The outbreak of the First World War prompted George to reconsider the solidarity of Europe's royal families, leading him to create the House of Windsor and embrace democratic reform. The programme also explores his strained relationship with his children, and the contrasting kinship he found with his granddaughter Princess Elizabeth. **(R)**
- 7.35** **Dad's Army.** The air-raid warden have to share the church hall with the Home Guard after their HQ is bombed, but Dad's men are terribly disruptive and soon cause mayhem. **(R)**
- 8.05** **The Real Marigold Hotel.** Eight celebrities embark on an experimental adventure to Jaipur in India, to test whether they can set up a more rewarding retirement than in the UK. **(R)**
- 9.05** **Live at the Apollo.** Leading performers on the stand-up circuit share their light-hearted views on modern life in this show recorded before a packed house at London's Hammersmith Apollo. **(R)**
- 9.50** **Insert Name Here.** Comedy panel game in which host Sue Perkins asks teams captained by Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer questions about famous people who share a name. **(R)**
- 10.20** **Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer.** (2006) Period thriller, with Ben Whishaw, Dustin Hoffman and Alan Rickman.
- 12.35** **Film: Bright Days Ahead.** (2013) **2.05** This is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. **(R) 6.35** Dino Dan. **(R) 6.45** Dino Dan. **(R) 7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. **(R) 7.05** Sooty. **(R) 7.15** Super 4. **7.30** Scrambled: Mr Bean. **(R) 7.45** Scrambled: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. **(R) 7.50** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Jessie. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. **(R) 9.25** Murder, She Wrote. **(R) 10.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 1.30** Judge Rinder. **(R) 2.30** Tipping Point. **(R) 3.30** Doc Martin. **(R) 4.30** The Martin Lewis Money Show. **(R) 5.00** The Chase. **(R)**
- 6.00** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.15** **ITV News:** Weather.
- 6.30** **New You've Been Framed!** More comical mishaps filmed by viewers, including a mechanic's inventive use for an airbag, a disastrous moped selfie, and the dangers of wearing a monkey as a wig.
- 7.00** **Ninja Warrior UK.** The semi-finals arrive, abd Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara challenge the contestants who survived the heats to test their endurance on the obstacle course once again.
- 8.00** **Take Me Out.** Paddy McGuinness continues to arrange more dates for his 30 single women. This time, the "love lift" delivers hypnotist Ben from London, Essex-based broker Harry, Edinburgh landscape gardener David and Paul, a "body double" from Dublin. All four men are given a chance to win over Paddy's singletons, but to secure a date they must first get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval.
- 9.15** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined in the studio by actress Brenda Blethyn, who discusses the return of Northumberland-set detective drama Vera, and re-emerging singer-songwriter Craig David.
- 10.15** **ITV News:** Weather.
- 10.30** **Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park.** (1997) Steven Spielberg's adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum and Julianne Moore.
- 12.45** **Jackpot247.** **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. **(R) 3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

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- 6.15** **The King of Queens.** **(R) 6.40** The King of Queens. **(R) 7.05** Snowdonia Marathon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R) 8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R) 9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. **(R) 10.45** Frasier. **(R) 11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **(R) 12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **(R) 12.30** The Simpsons. **(R) 1.00** The Simpsons. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. **4.25** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 5.00** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 5.30** Come Dine with Me. **(R)**
- 6.00** **Come Dine with Me.** It is the final day of the dinner party contest in Derby and the turn of confident triathlete David Morris to host, before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. **(R)**
- 6.30** **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00** **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel from Birmingham to Braunston to attend a festival of vintage canal boats, aided on the tricky journey by their son Sam and Juliet, Timothy's daughter from his first marriage. Along the way, they meet a 78-year-old boatman, who reveals how he was born on a canal boat, and unveil a plaque dedicated to a woman who dedicated her life to preserving Britain's canals. **(R)**
- 8.00** **Amazing Spaces: Floating Homes.** George Clarke follows designer friend Max McMurdo as he builds his own floating home in a 40ft shipping container, mooring it in a local marina to begin a new life on the water. **(R)**
- 9.00** **Film: Now You See Me.** (2013) Premier. Four magicians use their lavish stage shows as cover for a series of seemingly impossible heists, and give away the money they steal to their audiences. An FBI agent assembles a team of experts to discover how the baffling robberies are committed and what the secret agenda behind the crime spree is. Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson and Isla Fisher.
- 11.15** **Film: The Hole.** (2009) Horror, starring Chris Massoglia and Haley Bennett.
- 1.05** **Hollywoods.** **(R) 3.10** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **(R) 4.05** Beat My Build. **(R) 5.00** Deal or No Deal. **(R) 5.50** How I Met Your Mother. **(R)**

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00** Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **(R) 9.00** Top Gear. **9.10** Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995) **11.10** Family Guy. **12.55** Siblings **1.55** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Sith. **2.05** Film: National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) **4.00** Close ITV2
- 6.10** **Night of Tenants, Slum Landlords.** A tenant who turned out to be a confidence trickster and a letting agent who locked a couple out of their own buy-to-let investment property. Last in the series. **(R)**
- 7.00** **World War II in Colour.** This edition focuses on Japan's early involvement in the war, including its attack on the US Navy at Pearl Harbour in December 1941, which led to America's entry into the conflict. **(R)**
- 7.55** **World War II Battlefield Recovery.** The excavation team explores trenches in Latvia's Courland peninsula, where they uncover a live shell, and the bodies of fallen German and Russian soldiers. Last in the series. **(R)**
- 8.55** **5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00** **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Highlights of the latest Championship matches, including Bristol City v Birmingham City, Huddersfield Town v Cardiff City, and Rotherham United v Charlton Athletic.
- 9.30** **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** A round-up of all the goals and talking points from League One and League Two, with fixtures including Peterborough United v Burton Albion and Plymouth Argyle v Wycombe Wanderers.
- 10.00** **Celebrity Big Brother.** Catching up with the celebrities as they react to Friday night's eviction, revealing how the latest departure has affected the remaining contestants.
- 11.00** **Fat, Fabulous and Filthy Rich.** People who are cashing in on the fuller figure, from a woman blazing a trail in the plus-size world with dating sites to a man making large coffins. **(R)**
- 11.15** **Film: The Hole.** (2009) Horror, starring Chris Massoglia and Haley Bennett.
- 1.05** **Access.** **(R)**
- 12.05** **SuperCasino.** **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. **(R) 4.00** Celebrity Booted Up Bodies. **(R) 4.50** House Doctor. **(R)**

DIGITAL

- BBC Three**
- 7.00** **Don't Tell the Bride.** **8.00** Top Gear. **9.10** Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995) **11.10** Family Guy. **12.55** Siblings **1.55** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Sith. **2.05** Film: National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) **4.00** Close ITV2
- 7.00** **How Earth Made Us.** **8.00** Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **9.00** The Young Montalbano History **10.45** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop. **11.45** It's Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC **12.45** Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown **1.45** Top of the Pops: 1981 **3.05** Sounds of the Eighties **3.35** Close ITV3
- 12.20** **Scorpion.** **1.20** You've Been Framed **2.00** Gold: Small Soldiers (1998) **4.00** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **5.50** Celebrity Catchphrase **6.50** Film: Me and My Mum **7.15** Film: Me and My Mum **8.00** The Gossip **9.15** Film: Little Man (2006) **12.10** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.40** Beovulf: Return to the Shieldlands **1.40** Viral Tap **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** Planet's Funniest Animals **3.00** Teleshopping E4
- 12.45** **Live Darts:** The Masters. The afternoon session. **5.00** Storage Wars: Texas **7.00** Live Darts: The Masters. The evening session on day one. **11.00** Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **1.00** The Sweeney **2.05** Highway Patrol **2.25** Movies Now **2.35** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
- 1.00** **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.** (2010) **3.10** Beaches (1988) **3.35** California Man (1992) **7.15** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** Van Helsing (2004) **11.40** Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (2012) **1.45** The French Connection (1971) **4.00** Close

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Matt Baker

Countryfile (BBC, 7pm)

A round-up on how winter is affecting rural areas. Matt Baker visits a Teesdale hill farming couple who have become the stars of a documentary film, Ellie Harrison watches birds migrate in Gloucestershire, John Craven encounters a breed of hybrid wolves in Cumbria that are adapted to the cold, Sean Fletcher goes cod fishing on the North Yorkshire coast and Adam Henson reports on endangered sheep in North Ronaldsay. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.** **7.40 Match of the Day:** FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00 Regional Programme.** **12.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **1.00** BBC News. **1.15 Super Saturday.** **1.50 Escape to the Country.** (R) **2.35** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. (R) **3.35** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup.
- 6.30** **6.30 News.**
- 6.50 Regional Programme.**
- 7.00 Countryside.** A round-up on how winter is affecting rural areas, featuring reports on hill farming, migrating birds, hybrid wolves that have adapted to the cold, cod fishing and endangered sheep. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
- 8.00 Call the Midwife.** A rare disease spreads around Poplar Street, and Paityn and her family must trace the outbreak to its source. Suspicion over the identity of the first carrier threatens to divide a previously close-knit family. Sister Wintifred is forced to confront her prejudices while treating a patient, and Barbara worries about how Trixie will react when she agrees to go to dinner with Tom.
- 9.00 War & Peace.** Pierre's eyes are opened to the horrors of war. Natasha falls ill and Andrei swears revenge as Napoleon's forces invade Russia and preparations are made to meet them in battle.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Regional Programme.**
- 10.30 Match of the Day:** FA Cup Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties, which were Carlisle United v Everton at Brunton Park, and Milton Keynes Dons v Chelsea at Stadium mk.
- 11.00 Live at the Apollo.** Sarah Millican hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London. (R)
- 11.30 Film:** My Brother the Devil. (2012) Premiere. Mo, the teenage son of an Egyptian immigrant to London, dislikes his older brother Rashid, a drug dealer, and longs to follow in his footsteps. However, Rashid wants Mo to make something more of his life, while realisations about himself make him question his place in the criminal underworld. Drama, starring James Floyd.
- 1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.20 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** The Secret History of the British Garden. **8.00 Countryfile.** (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **10.30 Best Bakes Ever.** (R) **11.15 Best Bakes Ever.** (R) **12.30 Flim:** Starving (2004) Historical Western, starring Dennis Quaid. **2.05 Tennis:** Australian Open Highlights. **3.35 Film:** Ladies in Lavender. (2004) Period drama, starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. **5.15** Ski Sunday.
- 6.00 Film:** John Carter. (2012) An American Civil War soldier is transported to an alien planet, which is also being torn apart by conflict. He intercedes in this struggle after rescuing a princess from captivity, and must win the trust of a fierce primitive tribe to save the world. Fantasy adventure based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' series of novels, starring Taylor Kitsch and Lynn Collins. Edited for daytime broadcast.
- 8.00 Dragons' Den.** Evan Davis gives more would-be entrepreneurs the chance to pitch their ideas to panelists Deborah Meaden, Nick Jenkins, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman and Sarah Willingam. Among the products up for inspection are a self-serve beer pump and a trailer tent that is tall enough to stand up in – but which proves harder to erect than its creator intended.
- 9.00 James May's Cars of the People.** James charts the history of 4x4 vehicles from the jeeps of the Second World War onwards, revealing how they rose in popularity in everyday use and in rallies. He explores the rivalry between Land Rover and Land Cruiser, and puts some classic vehicles through their paces by driving up Mount Fuji and through the Mojave desert.
- 10.00 Film:** True Grit. (2010) A farm girl recruits a hard-drinking, one-eyed marshal to help her track down the man who killed her father. The Coen brothers' Western, with Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfield.
- 11.45 Film:** Then She Found Me. (2007) A teacher abandoned by her husband and facing a mid-life crisis is unexpectedly reunited with her ex-biological mother. Comedy drama, starring Helen Hunt and Bette Midler.
- 1.20 Sign Zone:** Countryfile. (R) **2.20 Holby City.** (R) **3.15** This is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Mr Bear. (R) **7.45** Scrambled!: Mr Bear. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Noddy & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.40** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **3.40** Film: Diamonds Are Forever. (1971) James Bond spy adventure, starring Sean Connery.
- 6.00 Regional Programme:** Weather.
- 6.15 ITV News:** Weather.
- 6.30 Planet's Got Talent.** The best and worst clips from the Got Talent franchise, featuring a stunt involving an exploding limousine and a man who smashes watermelons on his head. Narrated by Warwick Davis.
- 7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands.** The warrior and his allies try to make peace with a rival tribe, but are greeted with suspicion when they discover a terrible secret. David Bradley guest stars.
- 8.00 Vera.** New series. A body is discovered on the Northumberland moors, and she is identified as a woman who made a distressed 999 call on the night of her death – suggesting she may have been abducted by someone she knew. Vera takes on the case, and discovers the victim was a controversial figure in her home town, who had a complicated relationship with her family and a number of well-hidden secrets.
- 10.00 ITV News:** Weather.
- 10.15 Panda Babies.** Vet Steve Leonard visits three panda reserves in China, following the development of several of these endangered animals from newborn to one-year-old toddlers. (R)
- 11.15 Film:** Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the 10th round of fixtures.
- 12.15 Jackpot247.** **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

- 6.15** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Best. (R) **12.30** The Geordie Show's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **2.35** The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **4.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **4.55** Channel 4 News. **5.20** Film: The Incredibles. (2004) Pixar's animated adventure, with the voice of Craig T Nelson.
- 7.30 The Jump.** New series. Davina McCall presents the third series of the celebrity winter sport challenge. The contestants in this year's show are Dean Cain, Sarah Harding, Linford Christie, James "Arg" Argent, Rebecca Adlington, Tina Hobley, Mark Francis Vandelli, Beth Tweddle, Tamara Beckwith, Brian McFadden, Louise Lyton and Sid Owen, who spend six weeks living together in the Austrian Alps and competing in a series of sporting challenges. The first round sees them taking part in the death defying skeleton event, with the losers facing a live Air Jumper to determine who will be eliminated.
- 9.00 Deutschland 83.** Tischbirek offers Mortiz the chance to return to East Berlin, so he can begin a journey to his roots. On his journey, however, he is asked to deliver a mysterious package – but when a bombing suddenly occurs moments later, he begins to wonder what was in the box and races to prevent further bloodshed. In German.
- 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr invites Sean Lock and Miles Jupp to go up against Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe in the words-and-numbers quiz, while Sam Simmons helps out in Dictionary Corner. (R)
- 10.55 Film:** Sorority Row. (2009) Five female students accidentally cause the death of a friend, and are stalked years later by a mysterious killer seeking justice. Horror remake, with Briana Evigan and Leah Pipes.
- 12.50 Embarrassing Bodies:** Back to the Clinic. (R) **1.45** Come With Me. (R) **4.55** Hugh's Good Things. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R) **6.00** House Doctor. (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig.** **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Ticky Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. **7.05** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.30** The Wiggles. (R) **8.00** Disney Princess. (R) **8.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.00** Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.30** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.00** Can't You? We'll Take It Away. (R) **1.00** Film: The Deep End of the Ocean. (1999) Drama, starring Michelle Pfeiffer. **3.15** Film: No Reservations. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Catherine Zeta-Jones and Aaron Eckhart. **5.15** Film: Hitch. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes.
- 7.25 Film:** The Wedding Date. (2005) A single woman is horrified by the thought of attending her sister's wedding alone, a task made all the more daunting by the presence of her ex-boyfriend. When she blows the horns, she hires a male escort for the occasion – but her decision has unexpected results. Romantic comedy, starring Debra Messing, Jack Davenport, Amy Adams, Dermot Mulroney and Sarah Parish. Edited for language and sexual content.
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** The remaining housemates embark on their final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned Celebrity Big Brother winner on Friday night. This has certainly been one of the most tense and argumentative houses in recent history – can it possibly get any worse as the celebrities begin to eye up the prize?
- 10.00 Celebrity Bottched Up Bodies.** A former Miss England who nearly died of a blood clot caused by having her breast implants removed, and a reality TV contestant who received illegal injections. Last of the series.
- 11.00 Film:** Red Dragon. (2002) Thriller prequel, with Anthony Hopkins.
- 1.20 The Philpotts:** Britain's Worst Crimes. (R) **2.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

- BBC Three**
- 7.00** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D. **7.05** Great Movie Mistakes IV: The Voice UK. **9.05** Film: Meet the Parents (2000). **10.45** Russell Howard's Good News. **11.15** Family Guy. **12.20** Cuckoo. **3.20** Emergency Rescue Down Under. **3.50** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. **4.00** Close
- BBC Four**
- 7.00** Pierre Boulez at the BBC: Master and Maverick. **8.00** Russia's Lost Princesses. **9.00** Tales from the Royal Bedchamber. **10.00** Film: A Death Row Story. **11.00** What Is Reality? **12.00** The Brown w/ David Gandy. **1.30** Rock 'n' Roll America. **2.30** Sounds of the Eighties. **2.55** Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown. **3.55** Close
- ITV2**
- 11.40** Take Me Out. **1.00** Take Me Out – The Girls. **2.00** Film: Call of Duty. **3.00** Film: The Revenant. **4.00** Film: The Mummy Returns. (2001) **5.45** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) **8.00** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. (2012) **11.15** Film: American Pie Presents Band Camp. (2005) **1.05** Secret Smile. **4.05** On the Buses. **4.35** Heartbeat. **5.25** Movies Now. **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreeen
- ITV3**
- 1.30** The Return of Sherlock Holmes. **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple. **5.55** Midsomer Murders. **8.00** The Secret Life of Dogs. **9.00** Caroline Quentin's National Parks. **10.00** The Kindness of Strangers. **11.35** Film: Meet Joe Black. (1998) **2.50** Secret Smile. **4.05** On the Buses. **4.35** Heartbeat. **5.25** Movies Now. **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreeen
- ITV4**
- 12.45** Live Darts: The Masters. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.55** The Classic Car Show. **7.00** Live Darts: The Masters. The quarter-finals. **11.00** Film: Jackie Brown (1997) **2.10** Motorway Patrol. **2.30** ITV4 Nightscreeen. **3.00** Teleshopping
- E4**
- 12.30** Couples Come Dine with Me. **2.35** Film: Sister Act (1992) **4.35** The Goldbergs. **5.35** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **10.00** Tattoo Fixers. **11.00** Rude Tube. **12.05** The Inbetweeners. **1.15** The IT Crowd. **2.15** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **3.00** How I Met Your Mother. **3.45** Hollyoaks. **5.45** Film: Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **6.25** A Knight's Tale. (2001) **9.00** The Two Faces of January. (2014) **10.50** Law Abiding Citizen (2009)

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MONDAY

Hannah's Law, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An orphaned girl grows up to be a bounty hunter under the tutelage of an expert gunslinger. She sets out on a personal mission to bring to justice the outlaws who murdered her parents, aided by a young Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, but the search brings shocking secrets about her past to light. Western, starring Sara Canning. (2012)

TUESDAY

Mystery Woman: Game Time, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Amateur sleuth Samantha Kinsey manages to persuade a reclusive author to attend a book-signing event – but ends up having to solve his murder. A shady video-games designer seen near the body seems the likely culprit, but she is convinced he is innocent. Mystery, starring Kellie Martin. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

Truth and Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Two former best friends and current enemies suspect each other of sending anonymous messages that threaten to expose their secrets. However, when they realise neither are behind it, the teenagers team up to investigate the source. Drama, starring Dina Meyer, Emily Tennant and Keenan Tracey. (2015)

**Diamonds Are Forever, Friday, ITV, 11.10pm**

THURSDAY

Garage Sale Mystery, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman becomes fascinated by a series of burglaries sweeping her home town. She notices some of the stolen items turning up in the garage sales she frequents, and decides to put her keen eye for a bargain to the task of identifying the criminals. Crime drama based on Suzi Weinert's novel, starring Lori Loughlin and Rick Ravanello. (2013)

FRIDAY

Diamonds Are Forever, ITV, 11.10pm

James Bond investigates a diamond-smuggling operation, and discovers that behind the scheme is his insidious arch-enemy Blofeld, who is planning to construct a devastating orbital doomsday weapon powered by the precious stones, which will force world powers to disarm and give him global domination. Spy adventure, starring Sean Connery. (1971)

A distressing new case awaits on the moors

THE new film It's been said on many occasions, but it does seem to be true.

In the past, actors always aspired to get into movies, but not any more. In fact, these days, they're clamouring to be seen on the small screen, where the best scripts and juiciest characters seem to appear.

Brenda Blethyn has certainly enjoyed cinema success, bagging Oscar nominations for her performances in Secrets & Lies and Little Voice. But these days she's more likely to be seen solving crimes in Vera, which starts a new, four-part run this week.

It's the sixth series based on the best-selling novels by Ann Cleeves; the latest, The Moth Catcher, was released earlier this month, and an adaptation of it forms one of the forthcoming episodes.

"I attended the book launch of The Moth Catcher, which the third film is adapted from," says Blethyn, "who is now fast friends with Cleeves. "I love it when Ann visits the set. I went to her house to enjoy a fabulous curry made

by Tim, Ann's husband. It was absolutely delicious."

The actress claims she is thrilled by the show's success.

"You always hope the project you are working on is going to be successful," she explains. "I thought the character was very interesting, different, and worthy of a series but of course there is no guarantee. So naturally we were all delighted when the first series was commissioned. And thrilled each, me it has been re-commissioned."

"And it's always nice to hear from viewers across the world who enjoy Vera. There was a lovely review in the Sydney Morning Herald recently. They love her irascible nature and many admire the fact that she commands a position of authority over men! And that the episodes are so well written."

So, what can we expect from the latest run?

"More high quality drama. I love that ITV maintain the production values of the series. The art department is second to none. The stories in the first two episodes are particularly difficult

for Vera to come to terms with. And as viewers have come to expect there are many great Northumberland locations."

Just don't ask her to work out whodunit before she's read the entire script: "Like most thrillers I'm kept guessing until the very end. Actually, neither does Vera guess who the culprit is. I'm not an actor who goes to the last page first!"

The series begins with an episode entitled Dark Road, in which Vera investigates the murder of 56-year-old grandmother Anne-Marie Richards, whose body has been discovered on the wild and desolate Northumberland moors.

She had a difficult relationship with her family and had recently returned to the area in a bid to reconcile with her two daughters – could one of her relatives have killed her, or will the culprit turn out to be somebody from her colourful past?

A 999 call made by Anne-Marie on the night of her murder, as well as the disturbed state of her cottage, suggests that the killer is close to home.

**Brenda Blethyn stars in Vera, Sunday, ITV, 8pm**

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Undateables: Wedding Bells, Channel 4, 9pm

The fifth season of this dating show has been enthralling stuff, featuring a range of people who, while they may not have found lasting love, have had their confidence boosted by taking part. The final episode turns its attention to couples who are following in the footsteps of Tourette's sufferer and film-maker Brent Zillwood and model Challis Orme by getting married. Among those featured are Steve, whose Crouzon syndrome has always made him self-conscious, and he's now concerned that his looks may spoil his wedding to Vicky. Martin, meanwhile, suffers from a stammer that he worries may prevent him from proposing to his girlfriend, business coach Jessica. Finally Daniel, who is autistic, wonders if the girl he met at a speed dating event could be the woman of his dreams.

TUESDAY

Sugar Free Farm, ITV, 8pm

Now on day four of the sugar free diet, the celebrities are settling into the farm work but there is a tantrum over chickpeas in the pig field and a heated debate over dinner. Nutritionist Angelique Panagos tries to persuade them of the positives of

a life without sugar, but even after a reality check at the hospital, Mark 'The Beast' Labbett is still reluctant to listen. Will the familiar faces find the going too tough as they do without sweet treats, or will they go the distance? Olivia Colman narrates.

WEDNESDAY

Camila's Kids Company: The Inside Story, BBC1, 9pm

For many years the charity Kids Company was held up as a success story for its work with young people, while charismatic founder Camila Batmanghelidjh was feted by celebrities and politicians alike. However, that began to change in 2015, when it emerged that the charity was on the edge of insolvency and that the government had demanded that Batmanghelidjh stand down as the CEO. Award-winning documentary director Lynn Alaway was following Batmanghelidjh when the story broke, and her documentary depicts the founder's fight to save her charity and resist the pressure to downsize. However, the film takes a dramatic turn when Kids Company is forced to close, leaving staff

reeling, the community devastated – and everyone searching for answers.

THURSDAY

Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best?, BBC2, 8pm

Cats and dogs are Britain's most popular pets – but which is best? If Harry Hill's TV Burp was in charge of answering that question, no doubt the word 'fight' would be mentioned. But rather than throwing them into a ring together, it will be left up to dog-lover Chris Packham and cat fan Liz Bonnin to work out the solution.

In a two-part programme, they travel the country, gathering evidence as they go in an attempt to prove their personal cases. Along the way they meet animals with amazing talents and compare modern canines and felines with their ancient counterparts. They also tackle the ultimate test – Chris takes care of Liz's cat for a week, while she looks after his dog.

Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final, Friday, Channel 5, 9pm**Keeping Up with the Khans, Channel 4, 9pm**

New series. Documentary exploring the impact of immigration on Page Hall in Sheffield. Each edition focuses on a different community, beginning with the refugees, fleeing war to seek asylum in Britain and battling red tape as they try to start a new life. They include Haider from Lebanon, Libyan Ebab, Cameroonian political dissident Pride and Omar from Sudan, all living together in a house rented by the Home Office. They are all in limbo, unable to work or study while they wait to hear if their request for asylum has been granted.

FRIDAY

Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final, Channel 5, 9pm

It's been a strange few weeks in the Celebrity Big Brother House – arguably the oddest moment was the misunderstanding that led US reality star Tiffany Pollard to think fellow housemate David Gest had died, rather than Angie Bowie's rock legend ex-husband – but after all those tasks and talking at cross purposes, the series is now at an end. Although some of the biggest characters (notably Bowie and Gest) left early due to ill health, we now get to find out who made it to the bitter end, and who the British public have chosen as their winner.

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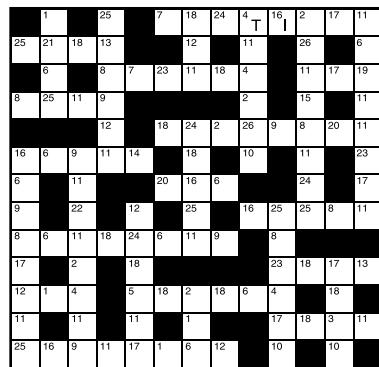
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Codeword

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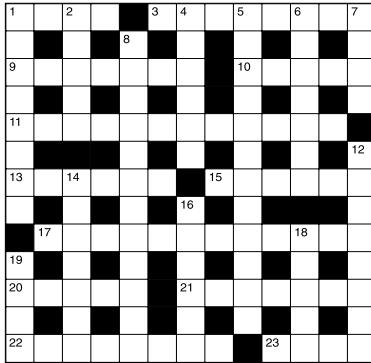
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:
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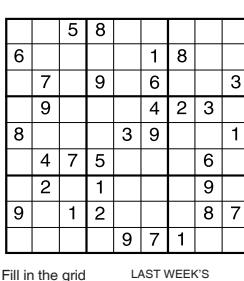
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- An estimate from a famous author? (5)
- One can reckon 500, but it can be ignored (12)
- Try hard in the last river race (6)
- There is one voice in it (6)
- Shop assistant in the secret service? (12)
- Her branch is peaceful (5)
- He's on trial for current 100 consumed (7)
- Score 2 fewer (8)
- In which creating a scene is only to be expected (4)
- Wave husk concoction? (8)
- Annoyed a mongrel (5)
- Concealment of corporal punishment? (6)
- It is made knowingly, one assumes (12)
- Grubs for sore lot (7)
- Killed with rapid movement to one side (4)
- Unsuitable to be in concert, that is with me head in it (12)
- Cover overheads? (7)
- Threaten workers with star performer (6)
- A supporter of art-work (5)
- Dull fellow who knows the drill? (4)



Quick Clues:

Across	Down
1. Select (4)	1. Fruitful (8)
3. Magician (8)	2. Military student (5)
9. A service-book (7)	4. Rectangular (6)
10. Of the nose (5)	5. Scornful (12)
11. Meanwhile (2,3,7)	6. Reprieve (7)
13. Transfix (6)	7. Reign (4)
15. Address (6)	8. Information (12)
17. Compliment (12)	12. Protected (8)
20. Pale (5)	14. Seer (7)
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19. Dull fellow who knows the drill? (4)	18. Muddle (5)
	19. Abandoned child (4)

Sudoku

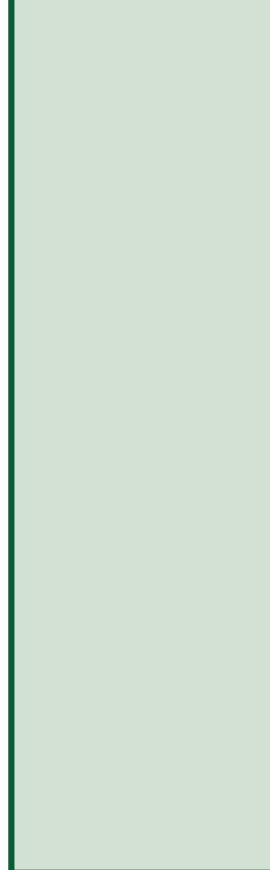


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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Save our; 7 Souls; 9 Screw; 10 Capital; 12 Sleeping-car; 14 Seaside town; 18 Station; 19 Night; 21 Drill; 22 Heights. Down: 1 Watch; 2 Reveal; 3 Cue; 4 Coping; 5 Almanac; 8 Larvae; 9 Head; 13 Lemma; 15 Sentence; 17 Gaze; 20 Drift; 22 Quiche. Across: 6 Liberal; 7 Heaven; 9 Vague; 10 Dispose; 12 Degradation; 14 Parenthesis; 18 Contort; 19 Steed; 21 Piece; 22 Sadness. Down: 1 Minor; 2 Refuse; 3 Pad; 4 Despot; 5 Evasion; 8 Fiddler; 11 Writers; 13 Laconic; 15 Entice; 16 Intent; 17 Verse; 20 Ray.

Thinking space



Quiz

- What is the Greek word for 'hot'?
- What was the European Recovery Programme of 1948-52 better known as?
- In which American state was Davy Crockett born?
- What was the profession of Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who died in 1940?
- On what part of a suit of armour would you find a beaver?
- What is the dried outer covering of the nutmeg called?
- What is Hans Lippershey credited with inventing in 1608?
- Which jazz trumpeter recorded the album Bitches' Brew?
- Who was Secretary General of the U.N. from 1972-81?
- In which year was the Victoria Cross instituted?

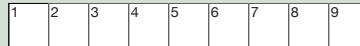
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Quiz: 1 A soundproof cover fixed over a camera during shooting; 2 Italy and Austria; 3 15th; 4 Clio; 5 DK; 6 1889; 7 Fletcher; 8 Poland; 9 Asa Yoelson; 10 African antelope.
Niner: INTERVALS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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I HAVEN'T slept for seven months and two days," said my friend candidly. They weren't the words I wanted to hear.

Six months pregnant, the realities of impending motherhood were becoming frighteningly apparent.

Mum to a baby and a toddler, my pal looked beaten; her no-sleep claim was probably on the conservative side so as not to really scare me. Well, I was petrified.

And so there really was only one place for us – a day's escape to Hoar Cross Hall Spa and Hotel for rest and relaxation.

The Staffordshire-based countryside retreat is one of the UK's most decorated spas offering everything from one-off treatments and half-day packages to extended week-long stays (I wish).

The Jacobean-style Grade II-listed build-

ing completed in 1871, is set in immaculately manicured grounds and, on the day we visited, they basked in glorious autumn sunshine.

We enjoyed a swift and friendly check-in at the day spa's reception then headed off to the clean, modern changing rooms. "You do want to work out, don't you?" asked my friend apprehensively, half-heartedly unpacking a pair of trainers. Er, no, not really," I replied as my pal visibly sighed with relief.

"Why don't we go for a bike ride instead?" she suggested.

And so we bypassed the impressive gym facilities and headed outdoors to use the complimentary bikes, taking a route covering the extensive gardens and country lanes around the property. If, like us, the weather's on your side and you want to enjoy the enviable grounds, there are also tennis courts, boules and croquet. We agreed the hour-long cycle was a good way to work up an appetite for the sumptuous three-course lunch ahead.

Indulged
you fancy. With that in mind, I ordered the chocolate cheesecake and cream, while my pal indulged in the lemon tart.

Exercise done and delicious food consumed, it was time to relax and so we changed into complimentary fluffy robes and slippers. Expert beauticians are on hand to attend to your every need, offering everything from facials, hair removal, massages and manicures to make-up lessons and haircuts in the salon. I was whisked off to one of the many private rooms for a pregnancy-friendly facial and massage. Starting to feel the pains and strains of mid-pregnancy, it was blissful.

We later opted for time in the extensive pool area however, more energetic guests may prefer to take advantage of one of the many fitness classes. We could only have one possible gripe . . . that we weren't able to stay for much longer.

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Property

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Brave the winter chill to find a great deal

Traditionally house buying peaks in the spring but increasingly savvy movers are realising the potential advantages to buying or selling a property in the winter months.

But be cautious: whilst there are good deals to be had it is also important to consider possible pitfalls, as mistakes could be expensive as well as delaying your move.

Remember when arranging viewings, that days are shorter so you will need to visit during the day or at the weekend in order to properly view a house. Winter reveals the true condition of the property as the exterior is bare, enabling you to check the facade for cracks and damp. Inspect the guttering for blockages it might be a good idea to ask to see the loft, so you can ensure there are no roof holes or leakages.

There are fewer houses for sale in the winter but also fewer buyers which means less competition for both parties. How many times did you fall in love with a property during the summer months only to have it snatched away by another buyer? If you are selling, have you found that you have lost buyers who have been tempted by other properties?

Winter sellers tend to need to move so may be willing to accept a deal to enable a quicker exchange. The winter market can often bring a greater sense of commitment from both sides to complete the sale, as people tend to make life changing decisions in the New Year. Use this to your advantage. Also, you may find better mortgage deals as lenders try and attract off-peak customers. Winter moving generally runs more smoothly as lenders and estate agents have fewer customers to process so are able to dedicate more time to you.

Key tips when house hunting

Buying a home – particularly your first – is likely to be the biggest purchase you will ever make, so ensuring you ask the right questions when viewing a property is essential.

The National Association of Estate Agents – the NAEA – can help. It is the UK's leading professional body for estate agency personnel, being part of a group representing 13,000 members who practice across all aspects of property services both in the UK and overseas. And the NAEA has five key tips to remember when viewing a property:

Spending some time thinking about what it is you want from your new home. What kind of property will suit your lifestyle? What location is most desirable and affordable? Do you want a garden? How many bedrooms do you need? Do you want a new or old property? Taking the time to identify what is important to you will save you time in your property search.

Preparation is key. Be ready with a list of questions you want to ask the vendor and the estate agent. For example asking how long the house has been on the market may give you a clue to any potential problems with the property. You might also need to ask; what fixtures and fittings will be left? What are the neighbours like? Why the vendor is moving? What are the parking arrangements? How much does the property cost to run? In order to keep each property you view clear in your mind it is best to take notes along the way.

Be as observant. Look for any potential problems and costs such as dysfunctional guttering, cracks in the interior and exterior walls or brown stains on the ceiling that may



indicate a leaky roof for example.

Try to visualise yourself living there. Ignore the decor as much as you can and try to think about whether your furniture will fit into the house and how it will look with your style applied to it. View the property in daylight and be sure to check out the area at other times of the day: a quiet road might be manic during rush hour and a desirable neighbourhood may look different at night.

Be polite but don't feel uncomfortable looking around a house, it is a big investment to make, so it pays to be a little nosy. Getting the home of your dreams may seem

difficult, but the process can be simplified by carrying out careful research of the market. The very first thing any modern house hunter should do is to log onto the internet where a wealth of information about the local housing market can be found. You should look at the property in local newspapers where you are interested in living. This will give you a good idea of house prices in the area.

Next, take a drive around the areas you are considering. Look at the types of properties that are around there. Take a note of what facilities are nearby and how close any train or bus routes are. Work out how long your

commute might be. Go for a walk around any areas which you like and look out for any 'For Sale' signs, and which estate agents they belong to.

After that, visit the nearest town and have a good look in the estate agents' windows. Take your time to work out a full picture of the market in the area. When you have a mortgage in principle in place, it is then the time to pay a visit or make a phone call to the agent who you think has the strongest presence in the market for the type of home you are looking for.

Arm yourself with any questions which you cannot answer yourself. Tell the estate agent your guide price range, but be flexible – you can look at houses above your budget in a slowing market, as there may be opportunity for negotiation.

Keep in mind the prime principle of property buying: location, location, location. Many argue that a smaller property in a better location will hold its value better and have a stronger resale value, than a larger home in a less desirable area.

Once you have a clear understanding of the market and what it can offer, you will be in a better position to act quickly when your estate agent shows you the right property. You will also be able to better express to the estate agent exactly what you are looking for, which will save time all round.

Remember, choosing a member of the NAEA offers higher standards, protection and a complaints procedure for you. You can search for NAEA members at <http://www.naea.co.uk/find-agent/>



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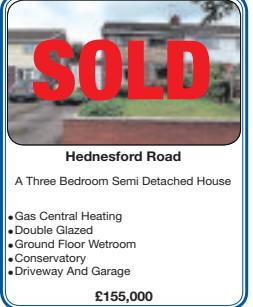
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PROPERTY

Immaculate three-bed semi-detached house



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For further information contact Lovett & Co on 01543 889410 or visit www.lovettco.co.uk



Firm welcomes outlet village

STAFFORDSHIRE developer Walton Homes has welcomed the news that Mill Green Designer Outlet Village is set to go ahead, stating that it will attract more buyers to Cannock and its surrounding villages.

The house builder, which is responsible for the nearby Woodbury Walk development in Rugeley, foresees a great deal of interest from homebuyers as work gets under way at the Cannock site this year, firmly positioning the town as a big visitor attraction, and is now looking for further development sites in the region.

The retail village is set to open in 2018 following a £110 million investment from developers.

Amy Summerton, director of Walton Homes, said: "Historically, there is a real demand for property in areas where there are such attractions, and this is likely to be a massive coup for Cannock and its surrounding villages."

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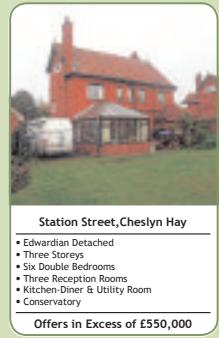
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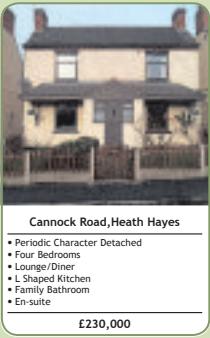
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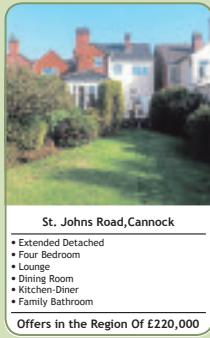
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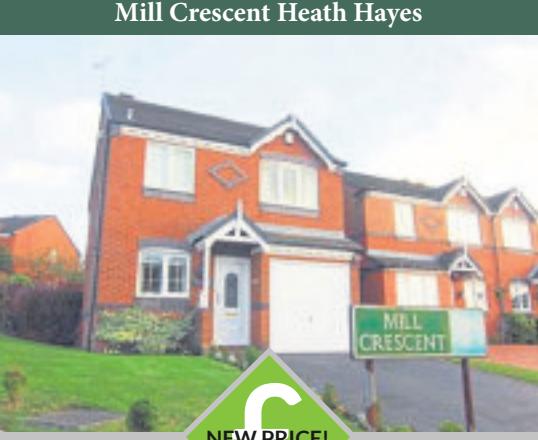
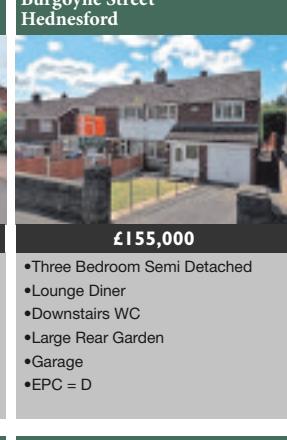
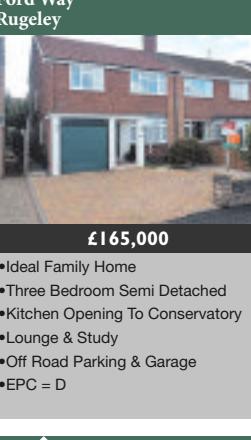
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi Detached House Three Bedrooms Rear Lounge & Conservatory Impressive Refitted Kitchen Diner Stylish Refitted Upstairs Bathroom EPC = C   <p>New!</p> <p>Offers around £140,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern Terraced House Two Bedrooms Fitted Kitchen Living Room/Diner Allocated Parking EPC = TBA   <p>New!</p> <p>Offers around £130,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Bedroom Maisonette Lounge Kitchen Bathroom Front & Rear Gardens EPC = TBA   <p>New!</p> <p>Offers around £92,500</p>			
Strathmore Place Cannock	Robins Croft Heath Hayes	Nelson Drive Hednesford	Milton Road Pye Green	Rowan Croft Cannock	Woodford End Chadsmoor
 <p>£290,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cul-de-Sac location Three Bed Detached House Two Reception Rooms Front & Rear Gardens Garage & Off Road Parking EPC = TBA 	 <p>£225,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Bedroom Detached Home Popular Residential Estate Dining Room, Kitchen Utility, Guest WC Garage & Parking EPC = TBA 	 <p>£225,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detached House Four Good Size Bedrooms Lounge & Dining Room Breakfast Kitchen No Chain EPC = C 	 <p>£115,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi Detached House Well Presented Throughout Two Bedrooms Front & Rear Gardens Off Road Parking To Front EPC = D 	 <p>£44,750</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 55's One Bedroom Spacious Apartment Off Road Parking Double Glazed EPC = TBA 	 <p>£62,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO UPWARD CHAIN Ideal For Investor/1st Time Buyer One Bedroom Spacious Accommodation Parking and Garage EPC = C
Mill Crescent Heath Hayes	Ascot Drive Cannock	Burgoyne Street Hednesford	Cowley Green Hednesford	Ford Way Rugeley	
 <p>£185,000</p> <p>NEW PRICE!</p>  <p>Offers around £185,000</p>	 <p>£135,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three Bedroom Semi Detached Kitchen With Dining Area Lounge Off Road Parking To Front Convenient Access To Town EPC = D 	 <p>£155,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Diner Downstairs WC Large Rear Garden Garage EPC = D 	 <p>£159,999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi Detached Two Bedrooms Refitted Wet Room Conservatory Driveway With Ample Parking EPC = D 	 <p>£165,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideal Family Home Three Bedroom Semi Detached Kitchen Opening To Conservatory Lounge & Study Off Road Parking & Garage EPC = D 	
March Banks Rugeley	Pye Green Road Hednesford	Dartmouth Road Cannock			
 <p>£195,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Bedroom Detached House Deceptively Spacious Great Family Home Three Reception Rooms Integral Garage EPC = C 	 <p>£215,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow Modernisation Required Generous Gardens Garage NO CHAIN EPC = D 	 <p>£250,000</p>			

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- EPC = TBA

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- Forecourt parking
- Rear Garden
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = D

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Cannock



£485,000

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- Versatile Living Accommodation
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Room Overlooking Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D

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Cannock



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- Well Maintained Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen Diner & Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Garage
- EPC = TBA

Old Fallow Road
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£115,000

- Ideal First Time Buyer Home
- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden & Parking
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC = E

Braemar Road
Norton Canes



Sold
£150,000

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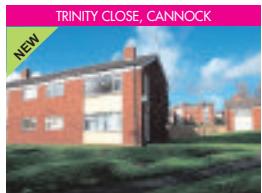


Sold
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- Play Room (Converted Garage)
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

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- One Bed FF Flat
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge, Store
- Refitted Bathroom

£395 ppcm



HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£400



TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- 2 Bed GFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Utility Charges Apply
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£425 ppcm



HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed FF Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Pending
- Sorry No DSS/ Pets

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- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom

£550 ppcm



FOXES RAKE, CANNOCK

- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£600 ppcm



PENNY COURT, TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- 1 Bed Basement Flat
- Open plan lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Electric Heating /DG

£425 ppcm



HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed town house
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG

£520 ppcm



NEW ELLESMORE ROAD, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Newly fitted Kitchen
- Garden & Drive
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 ppcm



SILVER FIR, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets.

£625 ppcm



NEW APPLE WALK, HEATH HAYES

- An Extremely Well Presented Apartment
- Re-Decorated & Newly Carpeted
- Lounge-Diner, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Shower Room

£85,000



- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- MUST BE VIEWED



BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge Diner
- Modern Kitchen

£110,000 No Chain



BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideal FTB or BTL

£118,000



NEW NELSON DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£120,000 No Chain



DOVE HOLLOW, HEDNESFORD

- An Extremely Well Presented Town House
- GCH & DG
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£129,000



HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- Spacious Semi Detached House
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Guest WC & Conservatory

£135,000 No Chain



ELIZABETH ROAD, CANNOCK

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Study
- Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens



NO CHAIN ELIZABETH ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Modern & Spacious Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge Diner, Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms



WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented & Spacious Semi
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility & WC

£155,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Presented Gardens
- Driveway



WOODPIGEON DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen-Diner

£199,995 No Chain



NO CHAIN TELFORD AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY

- Very Well Presented & Spacious House
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Playroom/Study

£210,000



NEW BUTTER CUP CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

- Superbly Presented Executive Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen-Diner
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- 6 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Gardens

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Stoney Croft
No Chain




- Executive 4 Bedroom
- Garage & Parking
- Exclusive Location
- 2 Reception Rooms

£350,000 EPC=D

Penkridge
No Chain



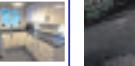

Firethorn Cottage
New




- Semi Det Cottage
- Semi Rural Location
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room

£299,950 EPC=C

Hednesford
New

Greenwood Park
New

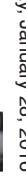



- Spacious Detached
- Two Receptions
- Garage & Parking
- Four Bedrooms

£229,995 EPC=D

Norton Canes
New




Church Road
New




- Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen / Diner
- Tandem Garage

£195,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock
New




Surrey Close
No Chain




- Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Double Bedrooms

£169,995 EPC=D

Cannock
New




Station Court
New Price




- Modern Mews House
- Conveniently Located
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Bedrooms

£149,995 EPC=B

Cannock
New Price




Newhall Street
New




- Town Centre Location
- Traditional Terraced
- Two Receptions
- Three Bedrooms

£127,000 EPC=E

Huntington
New




Stafford Road
New




- Mid Terraced House
- Two Receptions
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

£109,995 EPC=D

Cannock
New



Oaks Drive
Detached Family Home • Very Well Presented
• Three Bedrooms • Garage & Driveway
£280,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New



Short Street
Modern Semi Detached • Spacious Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen/Diner • Three Bedrooms
£150,000 EPC=C

Great Wyrley
New



Walsall Road
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Huntington
New




Rowan Close
Modern Detached
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Kitchen/Diner
• Gardens & Garage
£194,995 EPC=C

Bloxwich
New




Farmdale Grove
Modern Semi
• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Breakfast Kitchen
£177,500 EPC=C

Hednesford
New




Cowley Green
Attractive Bungalow
• Cul-de-Sac Location
• Two Receptions
• Conservatory
£159,999 EPC=D

Hednesford
New




Sharon Way
Extended Semi
• Kitchen/Diner
• Three Bedrooms
• Driveway & Garage
£145,000 EPC=C

Cheslyn Hay
New




Campions Avenue
Semi Bungalow
• Two Bedrooms
• Lounge, Kitchen
• Shower Room
£135,000 EPC=C

Cannock
New




Bevan Lee Road
Semi Detached
• Through Lounge
• Spacious Kitchen
• Downstairs WC
£99,995 EPC=E

Chadsmoor
New




Woodford End
Modern First Floor
• One Bedroom
• Lounge, Kitchen
• Well Presented
£62,500 EPC=C



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•••REDUCED•••MUST BE VIEWED - 40% SHARED OWNERSHIP. This modern first floor apartment is an ideal first time buy. In brief the accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC Rating - C. £42,995

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A three bedroomed mid terrace property ideal for first time buyers. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Through Hallway, Kitchen and Lounge. First floor landing with three Bedrooms and family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage and parking to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - C. £110,000

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£129,995

LEVETT GRANGE, RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroome end terrace property in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Rear Garden. EPC Rating - C. £129,995

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£114,950

NO CHAIN

**WINDSOR CLOSE
RUGELEY**

Modern town house offered with no upward chain. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC RATING - C

£124,995

**EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY**

Modern town house offered with no upward chain. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC RATING - D

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NEW
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£500 pcm

NEW
**BRERETON ROAD
RUGELEY**

A modern three bedroom detached property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Guest Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Allocated Parking for Two Vehicles. EPC RATING - C

£165,000

NEW
**INGATHORPE ROAD
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£167,500

NEW
**ST MICHAELS DRIVE
BRERETON**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modern detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large Drive offering ample Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - B

£172,500

NEW
**DOBREE CLOSE
COLWICH**

Spacious maisonette in village location. Comprising of Entrance Hall, ground floor Utility Room, first floor Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Comprises of Ground floor Allocated Parking. VIENING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £692

£500 pcm

NEW
**CORNWALL COURT
RUGELEY**

Spacious terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and Rear. Garage and parking at rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £720

£520 pcm

NEW
**LEVETT GRANGE
RUGELEY**

A well presented modern three bedroomed detached family home in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. DETACHED GARAGE and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - C

£205,000

NEW
**REDMOND CLOSE
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A well presented spacious family detached home positioned in a quiet cul-de-sac position. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Room, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Downstairs WC and Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms one having an en-suite Shower plus Family Bathroom. Extensive driveway to front. Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating - C

£210,000

NO CHAIN
**EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY**

An immaculately presented four bedroomed detached family home. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Conservatory, Family Room and Breakfast Kitchen, Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room, Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - C

£228,995

NEW
**ROYAL CLOSE
RUGELEY**

Modern property in popular location. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Guest Cloak. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway parking. VIENING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKING. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £762

£550 pcm

NEW
**THE LINDENS
RUGELEY**

Modern first floor apartment in popular location. Accommodation comprises Communal Security Entrance, Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms with En-suite to Master. Bathroom. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

NEW
**LOWER CLIFF COTTAGES
RUGELEY**

This delightful cottage is located alongside Cannock Chase and offers convenient views to the front and rear. Entrance porch, Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Inner Hallway, Sitting Room, Lounge/Diner, Cellar, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En-suite, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Integral Garage, Large Drive with Parking for Several Vehicles. EPC RATING - TBC

£349,950

NO CHAIN
**CHURCH LANE
ETCHINGHILL**

Unusual in its design this flexible 4 bedroomed family home must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation and size of plot. Delightful gardens to all sides with the added advantage of a twin garage with secure ample off road parking plus a secondary driveway with parking for a caravan/boat. UPVC double-glazed and gas centrally heated. EPC RATING - D

£375,000

NEW
**CHASE VIEW
COLTON**

Offered for sale with approximately 5.7 acres is this traditional detached property in need of further upgrade. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Family Room and ground floor Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Three Double Bedrooms and Shower room. Small Garage/Storage Barn. Range of outbuildings. VIENING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £950

£420,000

NEW
**MARCHBANKS
RUGELEY**

Spacious Link Detached property with Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Family Room and Ground Floor Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Three Double Bedrooms and Shower room. Small Garage/Storage Barn. Range of outbuildings. VIENING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £685

£685 pcm

NEW
**HIGH STREET
ABBOTS BROMLEY**

Character apartment in village location. Living Kitchen with all appliances. Lounge with log burning fire. Three Bedrooms, Master having en-suite shower room. Bathroom. Study/Bedroom four on second floor. Garden to rear. Garage with parking for 2 cars. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £1,375

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Semi Detached Home
Two Reception Rooms
Good sized Garden

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Three Bedrooms
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Conservatory

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Two Bathrooms
No Chain

Oak Road, Brewood



Price £175,000

End Town house
Full Length Lounge
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Fitted Kitchen
Conservatory

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Three Storey Modern Detached
Two Bathrooms
Downstairs Cloaks
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Two Reception Rooms
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No Chain

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EPC

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Semi Detached Property
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Ideal Renovation

Two Bedrooms
Conservatory
EPC

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Off Road Parking

Two Bedrooms
Private Garden
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Lounge/Diner
Conservatory

Three Bedrooms
Games Room
EPC D

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Semi Detached Property
Dining Kitchen
No Chain

Three Bedrooms
Lounge
EPC

Foxes Rake, Cannock



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Offers Around £149,950

Semi Detached
Two Reception Rooms
Garage

Three Bedrooms
Conservatory
EPC

Downes Way, Shoal Hill



NEW PRICE

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property
Lounge/Diner
Utility and downstairs WC

Three Bedrooms
Study
EPC Rating D

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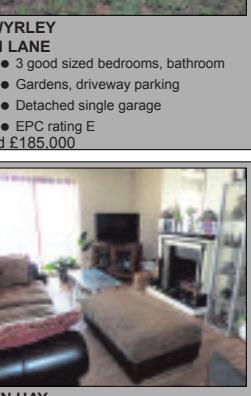


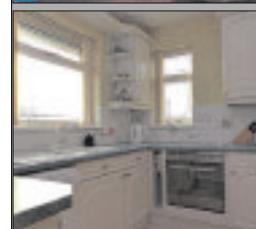
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SHARESHILL WARSTONE ROAD		GREAT WYRLEY FERN DRIVE	GREAT WYRLEY WALSALL ROAD	TURNBERRY, BLOXWICH RALSTON CLOSE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imposing detached residence • Substantial overall plot • Superb semi-rural location • 2 receptions, beautiful kitchen, utility <p>Offers around £539,950</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 d/stairs bedrooms, bathroom • 1st floor bedroom, dressing area • Gardens, driveway parking • EPC rating G 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb extended detached house • Sought after Cul-de-Sac location • 3 reception rooms, kitchen • Utility room, guest WC • 3 double bedrooms, bathroom • Beautifully maintained gardens • Driveway parking, garage • EPC rating D <p>Offers around £285,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional detached residence • Prime village location • Extended lounge & kitchen • Dining room, family room • Three bedrooms, bathroom • Substantial gardens, driveway • Detached double garage • EPC rating F <p>Offers around £275,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impressive detached residence • Popular Cul-de-Sac location • Spacious lounge, dining room • Superb breakfast kitchen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master bedroom with ensuite • 3 further bedrooms, bathroom • Gardens, driveway, double garage • EPC rating D <p>Offers around £270,000</p>
NEW INSTRUCTION					
					
		SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED	SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED		
CHURCHBRIDGE ELLIOT DRIVE		CHESLYN HAY HOLLY LANE	GREAT WYRLEY LIME CLOSE	GREAT WYRLEY LOVE LANE	BLOXWICH WETHERBY ROAD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb detached residence • Larger than average plot • Immaculately presented interiors • Lounge, kitchen / diner, guest WC <p>Offers over £235,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master bedroom with ensuite • 2 further bedrooms, bathroom • Gardens, driveway, garage • EPC rating B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impressive detached property • Substantial grounds with building plot • 3 reception rooms, kitchen • Utility room, guest WC • 3 1st floor bedrooms, ensuite, bathroom • Loft bedroom, office / study area • Gardens, driveway, garage • EPC rating to follow <p>Offers around £375,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immaculate link-detached house • Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location • Extended ground floor • Lounge, dining room, guest WC • Kitchen / family room, utility • 3 bedrooms, bathroom • Gardens, driveway, garage • EPC rating D <p>Offers around £225,000</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-detached bungalow • Prime village location • Lounge, breakfast kitchen • Two generous double bedrooms • Bathroom, separate WC • Gardens, driveway parking • Detached garage • EPC rating D <p>Offers around £200,000</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb semi-detached bungalow • Generous corner plot • Prime village location • Lounge, dining room • Side storage room / workshop • Gardens, driveway parking • EPC rating A <p>Offers around £220,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much extended dormer bungalow • Superb village location • Spacious through lounge • Kitchen, dining room • Conservatory, guest WC • Four 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom • Gardens, driveway, garage • EPC rating D <p>Offers around £180,000</p>				
NEW INSTRUCTION					
				SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED	SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED
GREAT WYRLEY NORTON LANE		CHURCHBRIDGE FORGE CLOSE	GREAT WYRLEY SAXON CLOSE	GREAT WYRLEY WALSALL ROAD	CHURCHBRIDGE NUTHURST DRIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb traditional semi • Prime village location • Lounge, dining room • Kitchen, utility, guest WC <p>Offers around £185,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 good sized bedrooms, bathroom • Gardens, driveway parking • Detached single garage • EPC rating E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb modern town house • Well presented interiors • Lounge / dining room • Modern fitted kitchen • 2 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom • 2nd floor bedroom with ensuite • Gardens, off-road parking • EPC rating B <p>Offers around £149,950</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well presented mid-terrace • Popular Cul-de-Sac location • Spacious through lounge • Kitchen, dining area • Conservatory, guest WC • 3 bedrooms, bathroom • Garden with brick built storage • EPC rating D <p>Offers around £139,950</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immaculate detached period property • Three reception rooms • Kitchen, utility, guest WC • 2 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom • 2nd floor bedroom with ensuite • Gardens, off road parking • Detached double garage • EPC rating E <p>Offers around £180,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb semi-detached house • Pleasant, sought after location • Immaculately presented interiors • Lounge, kitchen / dining room • Utility room, guest WC • Three bedrooms, bathroom • Gardens, driveway garage • EPC rating to follow <p>Offers around £179,950</p>
					
NEW INSTRUCTION					
		SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED	SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb semi-detached bungalow • Prime Cul-de-Sac location • Lounge with wood burning fire • Extended kitchen / dining room <p>Offers around £169,950</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 double bedrooms, bathroom • Spacious loft / storage room • Gardens, driveway, garage • EPC rating to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended semi-detached house • Prime village location • Would suit investor or first time buyer • Lounge, kitchen, conservatory • 2 double bedrooms, bathroom • Good sized rear garden • 2 allocated parking spaces • EPC rating F <p>Offers over £140,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb mid-terrace property • Sought after Cul-de-Sac location • Would suit investor or first time buyer • Lounge, kitchen, conservatory • 2 double bedrooms, bathroom • Good sized rear garden • 2 allocated parking spaces • EPC rating C <p>Offers around £132,500</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb period semi • Well presented interiors • Lounge, dining room • Modern fitted kitchen



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HEDNESFORD**

- Spacious semi detached
- Kitchen diner with island
- Two double bedrooms
- Lounge with bay window
- Driveway
- Vestibule & downstairs WC
- Open aspect to the rear
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £110,000



Offers Over £160,000

BROOKLYN ROAD BURNTWOOD

- Semi detached bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Conservatory
- Shower room
- Rear garden
- Off road parking & garage
- No upward chain
- Awaiting EPC rating



**LEAFENDEN AVENUE
BURNTWOOD**

- End terrace property
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious rear garden
- Conservatory
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Garage in separate block
- EPC rating D

£140,000



NEW INSTRUCTION

CHURCH FARM COTTAGES LICHFIELD

- Semi-detached cottage
- Sought after village location
- Contemporary kitchen
- Stunning garden room
- Two bedrooms
- Wonderful original features
- Open aspect to the rear
- EPC rating D

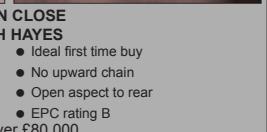
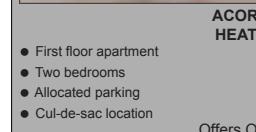
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HAYFIELD HILL CANNOCK WOOD

- Semi detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Tandem garage
- Off road parking
- Village location
- Stunning views to the rear
- Private rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

£250,000



ACORN CLOSE HEATH HAYES

- First floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Cul-de-sac location
- Ideal first time buy
- No upward chain
- Open aspect to rear
- EPC rating B

Offers Over £80,000



MAIN STREET SHENSTONE

- Charming end terrace
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Period features
- Gargae & driveway
- Village location
- Must be viewed to be appreciated
- EPC rating F

Offers Over £350,000



BROWNHILLS ROAD NORTON CANES

- Vastly extended semi-detached
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Utility room/shower room
- Conservatory
- Ample parking
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<p>£500,000</p>	
<p>MAIN STREET SHENSTONE</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charming end terrace • Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Period features • Gargae & driveway • Village location • Must be viewed to be appreciated • EPC rating F 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathroom & En-suite • Sought after location • Three bedrooms • Spacious lounge • Fully fitted kitchen • Lovely communal gardens • Two allocated parking spaces • Viewing highly recommended • EPC rating C
<p>Offers Over £350,000</p>	
<p>NIGHTINGALE COURT BURNTWOOD</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second floor penthouse • Spacious lounge/diner • Ensuite to master bedroom • Utility room/shower room • Conservatory • Ample parking • Private rear garden • EPC rating C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathroom & En-suite • Sought after location • Three bedrooms • Spacious lounge • Fully fitted kitchen • Lovely communal gardens • Two allocated parking spaces • Viewing highly recommended • EPC rating C
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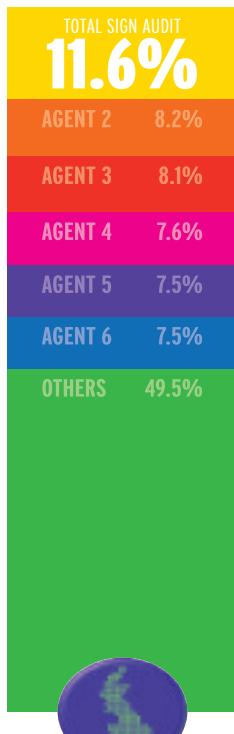
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- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory, basement level/ bedroom four
- Gardens, driveway and garage

£239,995

- Three bedroom semi detached house on corner position
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Large corner plot garden that must be viewed

NEW

Whitegreave Lane, Rugeley

- Three bedroom semi detached house on corner position
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Large corner plot garden that must be viewed

£104,950

- Three bedroom semi detached house on corner position
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Large corner plot garden that must be viewed

Bramble Way, Etching Hill

- Good size link detached property on corner plot
- No Chain and offers considered
- Kitchen, utility, lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, main bathroom
- Plentyful parking, must be viewed

£187,000

Boothurst Road, Hawksyard

NEW PRICE

- New build two bedroom semi detached property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment property
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens with allocated parking

£134,950

Canaway Walk, Etching Hill

- Exceptional detached family home in good location
- Show home standard with refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Hallway, lounge/ diner, refitted kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with garage and No Chain

£199,950

NO CHAIN

Whitegreave Lane, Rugeley

- Three bedroom semi detached house on corner position
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Large corner plot garden that must be viewed

SOLD

Fernwood Drive, Rugeley

- Well presented three bedroom semi detached
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, dining room
- Three bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Garage and gardens, viewing essential

£124,950 Guide Price

STAY BUY

The Lindens, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey end terraced property
- Hallway, kitchen/ diner, lounge, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage and driveway with gardens
- No Chain, viewing essential

£159,950

NEW

The Oaklands, Etching Hill

- Detached family home in sought after location
- Extended and well presented accommodation
- Hallway, two reception rooms, large conservatory
- Kitchen with utility room, three bedrooms, shower room
- Front and rear gardens with garage and driveway

£259,950 Offers Invited

- Well presented one bedroom first floor apartment
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase with No Chain
- Communal hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Good size master bedroom and modern bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces, must be viewed

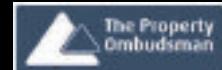
NO CHAIN

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- Well presented one bedroom first floor apartment
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase with No Chain
- Communal hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Good size master bedroom and modern bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces, must be viewed

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Whitegreave Lane, Rugeley



- Three bedroom semi detached house on corner position
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Large corner plot garden that must be viewed

£104,950



NEW

Chaseley Road, Etchinge Hill

- Detached bungalow in prime residential location
- Large woodland plot offering lots of potential
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, two bedrooms
- In need of modernisation and redevelopment
- No Chain, sensible offers invited

£399,950 Offers Invited



NEW

Leasowe Road, Brereton

- Large three bedroom end terraced house
- Corner plot with gardens to three sides
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- No Chain and offers invited

£134,950 Offers Invited

Lovatt Place, Cannock



NEW

- Immaculate two bedroom modern terraced home
- Ideal FTB/Investment purchase
- Lounge, modern breakfast kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Allocated parking and private gardens

£114,950



NEW

Monarchy Close, Rugeley

- Stunning four bedroom detached family home
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room
- Master bedroom with en suite, main bathroom
- Three further good size bedrooms
- Garage, driveway with gardens

£199,950



NEW PRICE

Lichfield Street, Rugeley

- Charming traditional terraced home
- Well proportioned rooms and period features
- Close to town centre and lovely private gardens
- Three good size bedrooms and two large reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory, must be viewed

£155,000

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NEW PRICE

Pool Meadow Close,
Rugeley

- Well presented detached family home
- Popular location with fields to rear
- Four good size bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms, kitchen and conservatory
- Beautiful gardens, viewing essential

£259,950



NEW PRICE

Bush Drive, Rugeley

- Well presented and spacious semi detached home
- Good location and offered with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen with utility and guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Gardens, garage and driveway

£162,995



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NEW

Paget Close, Little
Haywood

- Exceptional detached property in village location
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen
- Conservatory, three good size bedrooms and bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with garage
- Parking, corner position, must be viewed

£199,950

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- ◆ Enclosed Porch
- ◆ Central Reception Hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining Room/Bedroom Four
- ◆ Well Equipped Breakfast Kitchen
- ◆ Utility Room
- ◆ Bedroom Two
- ◆ Shower Room
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility room and cloakroom
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite bathroom and shower room
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (73)

PRICE £456,950 : FREEHOLD

87 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



£395,000 FREEHOLD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5/6 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION located in Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ 2/3/4 Reception rooms
- ◆ Breakfast Kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Four first floor bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and ensuite
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens and in and out drive
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (62)

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens and in and out drive
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

31 JAMES STREET, CANNOCK.

NEW PRICE

NO CHAIN



£147,950 FREEHOLD

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD

Located In This Sought After Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hedgesford and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Off road parking and south facing garden
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (49)

PINE LODGE, 2 HIGH PARK, STAFFORD

IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FLEXIBLE FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CHARACTER

Located In A Much Sought After Established Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre



- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Two bathrooms
- ◆ Two receptions rooms
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility/rear porch
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ En-suite shower
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)
- ◆ Gardens and secure parking for caravan, boat etc
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (46)

£345,000 FREEHOLD

1 CAVERSHAM MEWS, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



£229,950 FREEHOLD

WELL EQUIPPED 4 DOUBLE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OFFERING ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS Occupying Corner plot in Rapidly Maturing Residential Area

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

LITTLE CROFT, SMITHY LANE, BEDNALL

NO CHAIN



£439,950 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN



£350,000 FREEHOLD

THE BARN, MORETON GRANGE, BISHTON LANE, WOLSELEY BRIDGE, STAFFORD



£650,000 FREEHOLD

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- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Study/sitting area
- ◆ Farmhouse dining kitchen
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Two en-suites and family bathroom
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens and paddock
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (37)

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- ◆ Bathroom
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26 ELLESMORE ROAD, CANNOCK
SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
◆ Lounge
◆ Sitting room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Reception hall
◆ Off road parking
◆ Double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Bedroom
◆ EPC rating: C (57)
£395 pcm

13 SILVER FIR CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
EXTENDED WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac Convenient For Local Facilities
◆ Lounge
◆ Dining room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Double glazed conservatory
◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Built-on garage
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£595 pcm

12 SAM BARBER COURT, HEATH HAYES
IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge
◆ Dining room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Two double bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Fully double glazed conservatory
◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ Economy 7 electric heating
◆ Communal grounds
◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£465 pcm

4 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Fitted dining kitchen
◆ Inner hall
◆ Lounge
◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Oil fired central heating
◆ EPC rating: C (69)
£625 pcm (plus service charge)

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK
WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre
◆ Lounge
◆ Dining room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Utility room
◆ Two double bedrooms
◆ Family bathroom
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: D (59)
£575 pcm

17 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge
◆ Dining room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Family bathroom
◆ Double glazed
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Built-on garage
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: D (69)
£660 pcm

18 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Dining kitchen
◆ Lounge
◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Gardens
◆ Integral garage
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: C (69)
£625 pcm

4 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDGE
WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Fitted dining kitchen
◆ Lounge
◆ Inner hall
◆ Two double bedrooms
◆ Family bathroom
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Gas central heating
◆ EPC rating: tbc
£595 pcm

15 BUCKTHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area
◆ Guest cloakroom with wc
◆ Lounge & dining room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Family bathroom
◆ Double glazed
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: D
£750 pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLY PARK, PENKRDGE
WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Lounge
◆ Fitted dining kitchen
◆ Inner hall
◆ Two double bedrooms
◆ Family bathroom
◆ Oil fired central heating
◆ Double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: C (77)
£675 pcm

1 ARNOTTDALE DRIVE, HEDNESFORD
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge
◆ Refurbished kitchen
◆ Inner hall
◆ Two double bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Predominantly
◆ Double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Detached garage
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£625 pcm

1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSLA
ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
◆ Hall
◆ Lounge
◆ Kitchen
◆ Bedroom
◆ Bathroom
◆ Economy 7 Heating
◆ Double glazed
◆ DSS considered
◆ Sorry no smokers or pets
◆ EPC rating: D
£350 pcm

191A STATION STREET, CHELSEYN HAY
SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities
◆ Lounge
◆ Sitting room
◆ Kitchen
◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Bathroom
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Off road parking
◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ EPC rating: D (57)
£425 pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WRYLEY
EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Sited In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge
◆ Dining kitchen
◆ Cloakroom with WC
◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Bathrooms
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
◆ EPC rating: E (46)
£695 pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLY PARK, PENKRDGE
SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Fitted dining kitchen
◆ Lounge
◆ Inner hall
◆ Two double bedrooms
◆ Family bathroom
◆ Oil fired central heating
◆ Double glazed
◆ Communal landscaped gardens
◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
◆ EPC rating: C (69)
£595 pcm

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BELVEDERE CLOSE, CHASETOWN

◆ Extended Semi Detached House Offering Spacious Ground Floor Accommodation ◆ Situated On A Large Corner Plot ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Dining Room ◆ Fitted Kitchen ◆ Dining/Breakfast Area ◆ Wet Room (ground floor) ◆ Wide Double Glazed Conservatory ◆ Bathroom ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Garage ◆ Driveway Parking ◆ Gardens to front side & rear ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:awaited £184,950

NEWGATE STREET, CHASETOWN

◆ Recently Refurbished End Terraced House ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Refitted Kitchen Diner with Oven & Hob ◆ Refitted Shower Room ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Enclosed Double Length Carport ◆ Front garden ◆ Enclosed Side & Rear Garden ◆ Freehold ◆ No Chain ◆ EPC:E46 £150,000

HUDSON DRIVE, BURNTWOOD

◆ Well presented semi detached bungalow ◆ Situated on a corner plot ◆ Two Bedrooms ◆ Lounge/Diner with feature fireplace ◆ Extended Kitchen ◆ Extended Shower Room ◆ Spacious Entrance Hall ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Garage ◆ Driveway Parking ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Lawned gardens to front & side ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:D68 £184,950

NORTON LANE, BURNTWOOD

◆ Well Presented Detached House ◆ Popular location ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Separate dining room ◆ Refitted Kitchen with oven & hob ◆ Guest cloakroom with shower ◆ Refitted Bathroom ◆ Garage ◆ Front garden with parking for several cars ◆ Enclosed rear garden ◆ Sealed unit double glazing ◆ Gas radiator central heating ◆ Solar panel Energy system ◆ EPC:C80

£260,000

LORNE STREET, CHASE TERRACE

◆ Spacious Freehold Detached Bungalow ◆ Two Double Bedrooms ◆ Porch ◆ Hall ◆ Lounge ◆ Breakfast Kitchen ◆ Dining Room ◆ Wet Room ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Garage ◆ Wide Enclosed Gardens Front And Rear ◆ EPC:D67

£220,000

SILVERDALE DRIVE, CHASE TERRACE

◆ Ground Floor Apartment ◆ Two Bedrooms ◆ Lounge/Diner ◆ Fitted Kitchen with Appliances ◆ Bathroom ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Parking Space ◆ Video Intercom Entrance ◆ EPC:C79

£114,950

RUGELEY ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

◆ Mid Terraced House ◆ Two Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted Kitchen ◆ Utility ◆ Bathroom (ground floor) ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Parking Space at the Rear ◆ Freehold ◆ EPC:D64 £96,500

BAKER STREET, CHASETOWN

◆ Brand New Semi Detached Bungalow ◆ One Double Bedroom ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted Kitchen with Appliances ◆ bath room ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Driveway parking ◆ Freehold ◆ Predicted EPC:Awaited £148,000

QUEEN STREET, CHASETOWN

◆ Two Brand New Semi Detached Houses Currently Under Construction ◆ 10 Year Warranty ◆ Two Double Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Guest Cloakroom ◆ Fitted Kitchen/Dining Area with Appliances ◆ Bathroom ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Driveway Parking ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Freehold ◆ Predicted EPC Awaited

£149,950

SPRINGHILL ROAD, CHASETOWN

◆ Well presented end terraced house ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Lounge with feature fire ◆ Refitted Kitchen/Diner ◆ Refitted Bathroom ◆ Sealed Unit double Glazing ◆ Gas radiator central heating ◆ Gardens to front and rear ◆ Garage In block ◆ EPC:D66 ◆ Sorry no Smokers, DSS or Pets

£615 pcm Plus Fees

BENTLEY BROOK LANE, HAZELSLADE

◆ Semi detached House ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted Kitchen ◆ Dining Area ◆ Bathroom ◆ Garage ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Garage ◆ Front Garden With Driveway Parking ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ EPC:C71 ◆ SORRY NO DSS, SMOKERS OR PETS

£650 pcm Plus Fees



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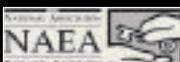
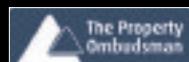
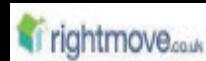
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<p>GREAT WYRLEY GORSEY LANE</p>     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Storey Family Home • Through Hallway • Lounge/Diner • Kitchen • Guest W.C • 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite • Bathroom • Garage, Gardens • 6 BEDROOM DETACHED • COMPETITIVELY PRICED • Through Hallway, Guest WC • Lounge, Dining kitchen • Conservatory, 2 Bathrooms • En-suite, Det. garage • Private driveway <p>\$170,000</p> <p>\$269,950</p>	<p>HUNTINGTON COLLIERS WAY</p>  

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RUGELEY
THE OAKLANDS



- Detached House
- Through Hallway
- Guest W.C.
- Lounge
- Dining Room/ Sitting Room

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- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden



HEATH HAYES
LANGHOLM DRIVE

- Link Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room

£154,950

CANNOCK
RIVERSIDE COURT



- Modern Apartment
- Town Centre Location
- Hallway with Lift
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen

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THE PINES



- 2 Bedroom Park Home
- Hall, Lounge
- "L" Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- 2 BedRooms, Bathroom

£72,000

CANNOCK
LIME PIT LANE



- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge Diner

£120,000



HEDNESFORD
CHURCH HILL



£239,950

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms

• Integral Garage

• Landscape Gardens



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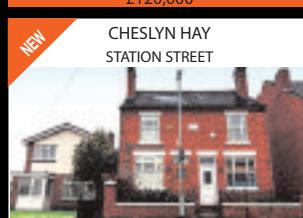
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- Reception Hallway
- Lounge/ Diner
- Kitchen

• Two Bedrooms

• Bathroom

• Rear Gardens

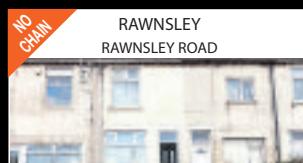
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CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Double Beds

£134,950



RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD

- Mid Terraced
- Formal Lounge
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room

£110,000



GREAT WYRLEY
OLDE HALL LANE



• Detached Family Home

• Through Hallway, WC

• Lounge, Dining Room

• Conservatory, Kitchen

• 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom



- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Offers Over £260,000



GREAT WYRLEY
BROADMEADOW LANE



- Detached House
- Porch, Entrance Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Sitting Area/Snug

£269,950



WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS



- En-suite to Master
- Garage, Gardens
- Driveway

£310,000



CANNOCK
OLD PENKIDGE ROAD



- Traditional Detached
- Entrance Hall,
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory, dining kitchen
- Guest WC, 4 Bedrooms

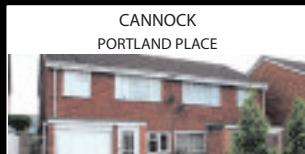
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CANNOCK
WILLOW WALK

- Spacious Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Generous dining kitchen
- Lounge, Utility room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, WC
- Gardens
- Offered with NO CHAIN

£99,950



CANNOCK
PORTLAND PLACE

- NO CHAIN
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Kiner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway, Garage
- Gardens, G.C.H.
- D.Glazed Windows

£144,950



HEDNESFORD
CROXLEY DRIVE



- Detached House
- Hallway, Guest W.C.
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room



- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Gardens

Open to Offers £347,500



CANNOCK
SANKEY ROAD

- Semi Detached Home
- Hallway, Lounge/diner
- Refitted Kitchen/utility area
- 3 Bedrooms,
- Reftited Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Driveway, Gardens
- NO CHAIN

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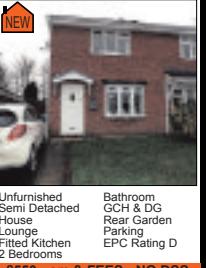
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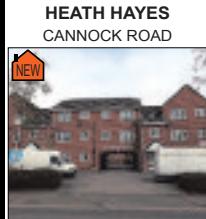
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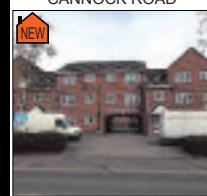
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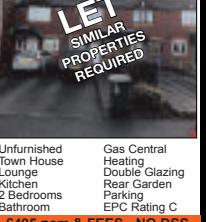
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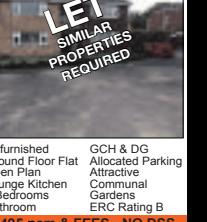
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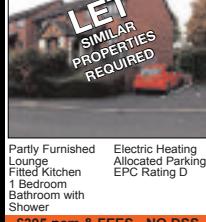
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Walsall Road, Great Wyrley



Eccleshall Road, Stafford



Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock



- Exquisite Improved Residence
- Stunning Accommodation
- Immense Charm & Character
- Every Conceivable Luxury
- Extensive Plot Swimming Pool
- EPC - D Viewing Imperative

£465,000



- New Build Executive Home
- Finished To High Spec
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- Spacious Living Room
- Open Plan Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Easy Access To M6/A34
- Must Be Viewed

£375,000



- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Comprehensively Refurbished
- Delightful Accommodation
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Landscaped Garden
- EPC - C Viewing Essential

£349,950



Hatherton Croft, Cannock

- Exquisite Family Residence
- Prestigious Location
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Accommodation

£385,000

- Comprehensively Improved
- EPC - (tbc) Viewing Essential



Strathmore Place, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Desirable Location
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen

£300,000

- Comprehensively Improved
- Call Now For A Viewing
- Spacious Accommodation
- No Chain

Bideford Way, Cannock

- Stunning Family Home
- Five Large Bedrooms
- Immaculate Kitchen
- Ensuite & Bathroom

£300,000

- Large L-Shape Garden
- Popular Residential Area
- Must Be Viewed



Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Family Sized Bungalow
- Superb Accommodation
- Substantial Plot
- Three Bedrooms

£215,000

- Potential for Development
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens
- EPC - D
- Must Be Viewed



Watfield Close, Rugeley

- Exquisite Family Residence
- Stunning Accommodation
- Living Dining Kitchen
- EPC -

£209,950

- C Competitively Priced
- Four Bedrooms
- Landscaped Garden

Mountside Street, Hedgesford

- Modern Detached House
- Impressive Accommodation
- Conservatory, Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms, En-Suite

£174,950

- Garage, Gardens & Private
- EPC - C Viewing Essential



Ascot Drive, Cannock

- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms

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- Attractive Gardens & Garage
- EPC - D. No Chain



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- Cellar, Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Family Bathroom

£120,000

- No Chain involved

£110,000



Clift Close, Willenhall

- Three Bedrooms
- Waterside Frontage
- Kitchen/Diner & Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- No Chain involved

£110,000



Remington Drive, Cannock

- Two Bedrooms
- Retirement Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- No Chain Involved

£109,950



Chetwynd Gardens, Cannock

- Luxury First Floor Apartment
- 999 Lease Resident Managed
- Improved Accommodation Two Double Bedrooms
- Under Floor Heating
- EPC - tbc Garage & No Chain

£105,000

*Sales**Lettings***Marwood
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PRICE**

Gloucester Way, Heath Hayes



- Extended Detached Home
- Comprehensively Improved
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Corner Plot with Open Aspect
- EPC - D
- Viewing Essential

£328,500

**NO
CHAIN**

Bideford Way, Cannock



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large Living/Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Must Be Viewed

£290,000



Heath Street, Hedgesford



- Delightful Family Residence
- Improved Accommodation
- Three / Four Bedrooms
- Corner Plot & Double Garage
- Impressive Aspect
- EPC - (E) Viewing Essential

£215,000



Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

- Idyllic Family Home
- Charming Accommodation
- Stunning Kitchen & Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms

£269,950



Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes

- Charming Family Residence
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- (EPC - D)
- Close To Town Centre
- Corner Plot

£255,000



Short Street, Cannock

- Delightful Detached Home
- Extended and Improved
- Four Bedrooms,
- Standing On Corner Plot

£227,950



Blackthorn Crescent, Hazelstade

- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Large Lounge

£165,000



Tudor Road, Hedgesford

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Delightful Accommodation
- Comprehensively Refurbished
- Two Bedrooms

£164,950



Redwood Drive, Cannock

- Refurbished Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- New Kitchen & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

£140,000



Chalfont Avenue, Cannock

- Three Bedroom Town House
- Generously proportioned
- Driveway, garage & garden.
- Convenient Location.

£125,000



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Heath Way, Heath Hayes

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Refreshed Accommodation
- Delightful Open Aspect
- Periphery of Cannock Chase
- FTB, Investment, Retirement

£79,950



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- Off Road Parking & Garage
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- Detached bungalow
- Good Size
- 2 BedRooms
- Large living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lovely Size Garden
- Car Port
- Plenty of Parking

£750 pcm

Grouse Way, Heath Hayes



- NO CHAIN
- Wonderful House Prestigious Area
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Home
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Cratch
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-suite

£190,000

Banbury Road, Cannock



- Great Size Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Solar Panels
- Family Bathroom
- Nice Rear Garden
- Very large front drive
- Popular area

£145,000

Mavesyn Close, Hill Ridware



- Lovely Bungalow
- Lovely Area
- 2 BedRooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Doors out to the Garden
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Garden
- Double Glazed
- Gas central heating

£650

New Road, Armitage



- Good Size Home
- Mid Terrace
- Traditional
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Collar
- Garden.

£575

The Siding, Rugeley Rd, Hednesford



LET BY

- Smart Apartment
- 2 BedRooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Collar
- Available Now

£450 pcm

Hamilton Close, Hednesford



- Good Storage
- Communal Garden
- Off Road Parking
- 1st Floor
- Double Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bedroom with Shower
- Plenty of Parking
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£350 pcm

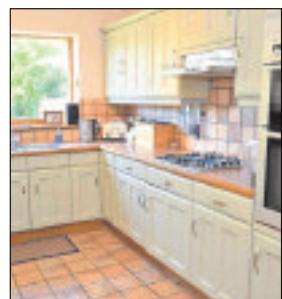
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Purcell Close, Heath Hayes



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Immaculate four bedroom property occupying a corner plot position. Comprises lounge and fitted kitchen/diner with integral appliances.

Quail Close, Heath Hayes



EPC C

£175,000

A well presented three bedroom linked detached property being sold with vacant possession. Comprises lounge, fitted kitchen/diner and en-suite.

Burgoyne Street, Cannock



NEW
INSTRUCTION

EPC D

£155,000

Viewing is recommended on this deceptively spacious three bedroom, semi detached property located on a generous sized plot.

Pillaton Drive, Huntington



EPC C

£125,000

Viewing is recommended on this immaculate and much improved two bedroom mid terraced property located within a cul-de-sac.

Bowes Drive, Cannock



NEW
INSTRUCTION

Awaiting EPC

£110,000

Viewing is recommended on this improved three bedroom, semi detached property being sold with no upward chain.

Pye Green Road, Cannock



NEW
INSTRUCTION

EPC C



£200,000

Viewing is highly recommended on this much improved traditional four bedroom extended semi detached property.

Girton Road, Cannock



INSTRUCTION

Awaiting EPC

£195,000

Viewing is recommended on this three bedroom extended bay fronted detached property located on a generous size plot.

Railway View, Huddersfield



EPC C

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Remington Drive, Cannock £114,950

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Cannock



Johnson Road, Cannock £120,000

Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: E.

Cannock



Hobart Road, Cannock £120,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this two bedroom mid-terrace property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge / diner, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage. Energy Rating:- D

Great Wyrley



Fairoaks Drive, Great Wyrley £125,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious three bedroom mid-terrace property in Great Wyrley and is within the catchment area to Landywood Primary School. Well presented with a modern kitchen this property is a must view. Energy Rating: D

Cannock



St Johns Road, Cannock £125,000

An exciting opportunity has presented itself just a stone's throw away from Cannock Town Centre via CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS. This home, ideal for first time buyers home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation throughout hosts an impressive THREE bedrooms so this mid-terrace property really is a must view to fully appreciated. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room which leads to open plan kitchen, downstairs bathroom and three bedrooms upstairs. The rear garden is off a good size and is mainly a lawn area. Energy Rating:- Awaited

Hednesford



Coppermill Close, Hednesford £130,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this two bedroom semi-detached house located in Hednesford which briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage and patioed rear garden.

Energy Rating: D.

Huntington



Windrush Road, Huntington £135,000

An exciting opportunity has presented itself to purchase this THREE bedroom, semi-detached, just a stone's throw away from Cannock's prestigious CANNOCK CHASE via CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS. This family friendly home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation throughout hosts an impressive, large THREE bedrooms and must be viewed to fully appreciate it's size and condition. The property briefly comprises of an entrance hall, large family lounge with a bay window to the front, modern fitted kitchen/diner, three large bedrooms and an upstairs family bathroom. To the front the property provides off road parking via a block paved driveway for multiple cars and to the rear there is a large Family garden with an entertaining patio space and a lawn area. Energy Rating:- D

Great Wyrley



Brooklands Avenue, Great Wyrley £160,000

This rather spacious and well presented three bedroom Semi Detached Dormer Bungalow in Great Wyrley. Property comprises of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen diner with pantry and family bathroom. To the front there is a drive way and detached garage. To the rear there is a paved patio area and a lawn area.

Heath Hayes



Grouse Way, Heath Hayes O/O £170,000

This exceptional and immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached property Heath Hayes comprises of entrance hall, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs W/C, three bedrooms with the master having en-suite. To the side of the property there is a driveway and a garage. Energy rating: C.

Cannock

Redwing Drive, Cannock £175,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom semi-detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms, off road parking and patio and lawned garden. Energy Rating:- C

Norton Canes

Hussey Road, Norton Canes £185,000

This large four bedroom link-detached property in the popular area of Norton Canes. Internally, the property briefly comprises of entrance hall, family lounge, kitchen/diner with pantry cupboard and converted downstairs bedroom and downstairs wet room. The rear has a patio area and fenced lawn area.

Norton Canes

Chapel Street, Norton Canes £225,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this three bedroom detached property located in Norton Canes which briefly comprises of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / diner, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, garden and garage/shed. Energy rating: awaited.

Cannock Wood

Pagets Chase, Cannock Wood £275,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this delightful modern family home in a cul-de-sac location near to Cannock Wood in Prospect Village, with great entertaining space and generous living accommodation throughout. This four bedroom detached property commanding an impressive position makes it really a must view to fully appreciate. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC with basin, significantly large family lounge, dining room, conservatory, modern fitted kitchen diner with access into the garage. On the first floor there is a family bathroom with basin, WC and bath and four bedrooms with the master benefiting from having its very own en-suite. To the front of the property provides off road parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area with steps up on to the lawn area and amongst various shrubs. Energy Rating: E.

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Cannock

Newlands Court, Cannock £280,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms master having en-suite and garden. Energy rating: awaited.

Bungalow and Annexe

Pye Green Road, Cannock £290,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS have for sale this beautifully presented THREE bedroom DETACHED family bungalow positioned on a CORNER PLOT including a separate GROUND FLOOR ANNEXE with flexible living accommodation in a sought after location with excellent local schooling and amenities. The property briefly comprises of an entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen, three DOUBLE bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom with shower, basin, bath and WC, extended large family lounge, which then flows through to the conservatory. To the front the property provides a driveway with parking for several cars, a path way with lawn both sides and various shrubs with a secure gate to the front of the property, to the side of the property there is a secure gated area that could be used for safe keeping and storage. To the rear there is an entertaining patio area, separate decking area, large shed and steps up to the ANNEXE which can also be accessed from the front driveway by a sloping path. Energy Rating:- Awaited

Heath Hayes

Gorsemoor Road, Heath Hayes £305,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this exceptional purpose built four bedroom detached family home in the popular area of Heath Hayes, being set on a significant plot and set back from the road this property offers great privacy. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, family lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen as well as an additional utility room, access to garage from utility and on the first floor there is a family bathroom with basin, bath and WC, four bedrooms with the master benefiting from having its very own en-suite. To the front the property provides a generous amount of off road parking and to the rear there is an entertaining patio area with a large separate lawn area amongst shrubs and high greenery to give great privacy. Energy Rating: D

Shoal Hill

Hatherton Road, Shoal Hill Offers over £315,000

Connells estate agents are pleased to market this three bedroom detached bungalow which briefly comprises of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, gated access to a rear garden and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: E.

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£220,000

FIVE BEDS

Brownhills




Hednesford Road

- A well presented five bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility, Downstairs W.C, Five bedrooms, Master with En-suite, Bathroom, Conservatory, Garage

Offers over £230,000

FIVE BEDS

Hednesford




Cannock Road

- A spacious five bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, d/room, kitchen, utility, d/stairs bedroom with en-suite, guest W.C, four bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite, rear garden and parking.

£245,000

DETACHED

Chase Terrace




Spencer Drive

- A much improved 4 double bedroom detached family home. New GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, ample parking and an enclosed rear garden. Ideal family home. Offers over £240,000.

£240,000

FOUR BEDS

Chase Terrace




Bridge Cross Road

- A tradition four bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, Hallway, Guest W.C, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms, bathroom, conservatory, garage and parking.

£239,995

FOUR BEDS

Burntwood




The Ridgeway

- A Deceptively Spacious Four Double Bedroom Split Level Bungalow
Newly Fitted Boiler, D/Glazing, Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Ample Parking and Rear Garden.

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THREE BEDS

Burntwood



Avon Road

- A spacious three double bedroom semi-detached family home. GCH, DG, porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, garage, rear garden ample parking.

£136,950

NEW

Chasetown



Baker Street

- A spacious and extended five bedroom end terraced property with no onward chain, GCH,DG,Hallway, Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Dining/ Sitting room,Spacious family bathroom, En-Suite, Rear

£150,000

NO CHAIN

Burntwood



Woodland Way

- A three bedroom mid terraced property,GCH, DG, Kitchen/ Diner, Lounge, Conservatory, three bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear garden, garage in separate block, off road parking. No onward chain

£115,000

NEW

Chase Terrace



Fernleigh Avenue

- A refurbished two bedroom 1st floor maisonette with a private garden and garage, GCH, DG, Entrance porch & hallway, Newly fitted kitchen, Lounge, Fitted bathroom, garage in a separate block, Private rear

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NO CHAIN

Burntwood



Cedar Road

- A Well presented ground floor one bedroom maisonette with no onward chain, GCH, DG, Entrance porch & Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted bathroom, communal gardens, allocated parking

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REDUCED

Chase Terrace



Ironstone Road

- A Well Presented Two Double Bedroom Detached Bungalow With No Onward Chain, GCH, DG, Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Sitting/Dining Room, En-Suite, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Superb

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Jeep partners up with top off-road centre 4x4 Events

Jeep is further broadening the appeal and accessibility of its award-winning 4x4 vehicles, after agreeing a partnership with specialist off-road driving organisation 4x4 Events UK.

The link-up with the events company, which operates off-road driving sites in Wales, Cheshire and Yorkshire and has plans for two more venues in the UK, will allow more people to experience the capability, fun and excitement of a Jeep in true off-road conditions.

As the official Jeep-supported off-road driving centre, 4x4 Events UK only use the award-winning Jeep model

range, including Grand Cherokee, the most awarded SUV ever; Renegade, 4x4 Magazine's '4x4 of the Year'; and the legendary Cherokee and Wrangler vehicles.

Under the guidance of directors Nigel Mayne and Phil Reeves, 4x4 Events UK offer a range of specialist courses, corporate days, private tuition and experience days, allowing customers to learn more about both Jeep, and the art of off-road driving.

As well as its Chester-based 'Centre of Excellence' and the two other UK sites, 4x4 Events UK also has an outdoor hospitality unit and transportable obstacle course enabling it to attend nationwide events such as county

shows and outdoor exhibitions. Jeep is an iconic brand which is growing and heading back to the top, where it belongs," says Nigel Mayne.

"We wanted to be a part of that success, and were delighted to team up with Jeep. We knew the range was full of good off-road vehicles but we have been amazed at just how good they are."

"I'm delighted that Jeep has teamed up with 4x4 Events UK," says Damien Dally, brand head, Jeep UK. "Our great line-up of cars, and their fantastic driving centres and expert tuition, make a very good combination which I hope many people across the UK will have a chance to enjoy."



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The Mobility Roadshow incorporating Get Going Live! says its 2016 event will be held from May 26 to 28 at the Silverstone Circuit, Northamptonshire.

Organised by charity Mobility Choice, the free-to-attend show is Europe's leading consumer-focussed event for people of any age living with restricted mobility. Since 1983, this international show has delivered opportunity and choice to disabled and older people with mobility needs. Get Going Live! is a test-drive feature that focuses on young and novice disabled drivers and opens up a new world of driving opportunities for future generations.

The 2016 event will take place for the first time at Silverstone, home to

The British Grand Prix and at the heart of international motor sport. A remarkable experience awaits in a location full of British motor racing heritage: UK and international visitors will have the unique opportunity to test drive adapted and wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVS) around the iconic Silverstone circuit.

In addition there will be the chance to see and compare a wide range of products for independent living such as wheelchairs, scooters, trikes, hoists, and ramps as well as access to information and expert advice.

The Mobility Roadshow will be an unmissable 'hands on' opportunity for drivers with disabilities, passengers who use wheelchairs, and solutions for older non-disabled drivers to continue to drive safely for longer. The show also provides opportunities for young

and novice drivers with disabilities who are keen to explore all available options for accessible motoring.

Ann Frye, chair of Mobility Choice, said: "We are delighted to be holding the Mobility Roadshow at Silverstone for the first time. In response to visitor feedback, we have chosen this magnificent venue with space to expand the range and choice of mobility products from around the world as well as giving visitors the opportunity to drive on the famous race circuit.

"Maintaining the show's focus on independent mobility for everyone, we are working again with NFE Group to deliver an event that we believe will enable anyone with mobility difficulties to find solutions to meet their individual needs."

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Audi R8 – a car that impresses all round

By Ian Donaldson

If you ever wondered why someone buys a car like Audi's new 205mph R8 V10 asphalt scorcher here are two clues (and that faintly unreal top speed is a third).

Clue number one is a prominent button on the finely leather wrapped steering wheel; press it and the already fruity exhaust note turns so rudely vocal you can be heard in the next county. A bit anti-social and naughty... but nice.

You'll have to wait for darkness to appreciate clue number two, and be standing at the back of the car. Where you can see the engine in all its 10-cylinder glory, basking beneath a transparent cover and, extraordinarily, bathing in the glow of its own lights.

Then there's the paint choices, with many of the people ordering the first of the these new models going for vivid orange, Or red, or in semi-military matt green.

You will have gathered that the R8 is not a machine for shrinking violets. Of poor ones either, with a choice of two versions, starting at £119,500 for a car with 533 horsepower, up fifteen on the outgoing model and a tiny bit more economical too – although you'll be lucky to see 20 to the gallon in everyday use.

Pay a bit more (£134,500) and your car adds a 'plus' to its title and the 5.2 litres push out a deeply impressive 602 horsepower. That elevates top speed from a mere 198mph (hah!) to all of 205mph. The sizzle to sixty-takes either 3.2 or 3.5 seconds and either will surely feel fast enough.

These performance figures put this most powerful ever road going Audi deep into exotic Lamborghini territory at a fraction of the price. But then they're both products of the VW empire and share very similar engines. You might say that makes the Audi a bit of a bargain; not a phrase you hear often.

Lightness

Most of the early orders for the new A8 are for the dearer model which, like its less expensive sibling, is a little lighter than before and lower and wider, but shorter. A convertible model will follow in due course but there is no talk of smaller engines with fewer cylinders in the immediate future.

The added lightness is not down to paucity of equipment with the R8 which, as ever includes permanent four-wheel drive that turns the car into a properly practical all year round means of upmarket transport. There is even a modest boot at the front and enough space behind the seats for a briefcase and Gucci handbag.

Practically moves sharply down the list of this car's attributes when you fire up the engine, especially from cold. The basso thunder will awaken the gods, and perhaps the neighbours too.

There is no option of a manual gearbox this time (a scant one per cent of owners previously opted for DIY gears) but the seven-speed manages things for you, so convincingly you wonder why anyone might want to do it themselves.

Paddles behind the steering wheel let you attempt full-on Hamilton mode if the mood takes you, when the vast ceramic brakes of the R8 plus version will come in handy.

More surprising than the way the car goes and stops is the way it stays comfortable, certainly on the impeccable French roads of the car's press launch and hopefully on Blighty's more challenging surfaces.

No surprises that Audi tempts with a barrage of optional extras, from variable rate steering and adaptive suspension to extraordinary laser lights (at a neatly concise £3,000) and deeply sculpted seats, which proved less comfortable than the more adjustable standard versions.

Every new R8 has a big digital dashboard display which needed more study to fully fathom than a few hours at the wheel allowed. Also standard are sat nav and a cockpit swathed in lovely leather and as well applied as ever – Audi really do build cars that impress inwardly like no other at their price.

Impress outwardly too, especially if you like your car with an edge of restrained bling.

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Putting on the style with latest DS 3

By Sharon Walters

It's more than two months since the awful terrorist attacks in Paris, and the city for lovers still remains relatively quiet out on the streets.

But one famous spot buzzed earlier this week when DS revealed the new DS 3 and DS 3 Cabrio to journalists, dealers and carefully chosen people of import.

The stunning Louvre museum was the venue for the wraps to come off in a glittering display of the Spirit of Avant-Garde – adopted as the new logo last year as DS entered a new era as a brand in its own right, with no reference to Citroën.

Avant-garde translates from the French as the advance guard and has its origins as an old French military term. That is, the army unit which presses on ahead of the main field in battle. Since then it has been used in other areas such as the 'arts' to encompass 'new' 'innovative' and 'pioneering'.

And that is what DS is striving to achieve – to press forward and create something very different. An extremely difficult task but in a world full of so many dull-looking vehicles, both inside and out, and DS may well just succeed.

With the striking glass pyramid at the heart of the Louvre, the gateway to the unveiling, it was an impressive launch. With a background of art which in its day was often avant-garde, the emphasis was firmly on the way forward for the brand and the DS 3.

While some of it seemed a little over the top, especially the 'modern' dancers giving their interpretation of the avant-garde spirit, the car itself did impress. And perhaps it should have been given the opportunity to do just a little bit more in the presentation.

Dynamic

These latest models to be unveiled by DS Automobiles have new design features, latest-generation technology, ultimate attention to detail and a uniquely refined, yet dynamic character that are hallmarks of the DS brand.

Since the launch of DS 3 in 2010, 390,000 customers have succumbed to the charms of this hip and stylish Parisian supermini.

From London to Tokyo and Sydney to Buenos Aires, DS 3 has become an icon that is renowned for its distinctive personality, unique styling, driving pleasure and leading-edge technology.

New DS 3 and DS 3 Cabrio are undoubtedly even more attractive – with true French flair and style – with new design features (revised front end and personalisation opportunities) and enhanced functionality (connectivity, driving assistance systems).

For top-level performance, both in the city and out on the open road, the DS brand's versatile new models can be specified with the latest PureTech 130 three-cylinder turbo petrol engine and offer the latest-generation EAT6 automatic gearbox with the PureTech 110 petrol engine.

New DS 3 and DS 3 Cabrio will also be available in Performance specification, boasting an impressive 208hp (153kW).

And for the UK in particular, the new DS 3 and DS 3 Cabrio are of significant interest to our new car buyers. Britain is already the leading market for DS 3 sales. More DS 3 and DS 3 Cabrio models were sold in the UK last year than in France or any other global market. That is pretty impressive.

The DS design team had a goal to build on what has already made DS 3 a success – personalisation, styling and vitality – and to enhance it with contemporary technology and equipment, including efficient engines and a connected touchscreen.

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Works hard and is loyal companion

By Matt Kimberley

It's the most important Vauxhall arriving this year. Has the compact hatch got the magic to take on its key rivals?

The Astra is an underrated, but evergreen compact family hatch, as happy taking the kids on a short break away as it is cutting a path through the city. There's no radical departure for 2016, although the sharp-eyed will notice a nip here and a tuck there.

There's an excellent new colour touch-screen that's standard across the range. It gives the whole product a lift and helps it make a better first impression.

It's a sharp-looking thing, if a bit on the conservative side. Being built in Britain won't do its appeal this side of Dover any harm, either. Whichever model you choose, you end up with a pleasantly stylish and definitely inoffensive car. You'll never object to having it on your drive.

It's quite sensitive to trim grades, though, so whereas the fantastic top-spec cars with all the interior trimmings look like they've come straight from the top drawer, the fragile rubberised handbrake grip and cheap-looking plastics on the low-end versions leave a lot to be desired and can start to look tatty very quickly.

Happy

There's a handy boot at the back, more than big enough for most tasks, but if you're totting babies, you'll struggle to get much more than a chunky pushchair into it without putting the conveniently split rear seats down.

Front seaters will be happy enough, especially with the uncommonly well-shaped seat backs that give superb lumbar support. The glove box is shed-spacious but the door pocket shapes and cupholder designs could be better thought out.

Under the bonnet there is a 1.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine. It can't make the Astra a rocket ship, but if you're gentle, you'll see fuel economy you'd struggle to better in an eco-diesel. I found it no problem to hover around 60mpg in relatively traffic-free driving. Alright, you do need to put some effort in, but the potential is there.

The dinky engine is perfect for chopping around urban and suburban routes. It's impressively linear once the turbo kicks in, making it smooth, forgiving and easy to get used to. It warms up faster than a moth on a sunbed and it's perfect for no-fuss short trips. The five-speed gearbox is light and precise, with tall gearing that partly offsets the lack of a sixth, but it's clear this version isn't meant to cover serious motorway mileage. It's a nice steer, though, responding quite keenly to tugs at the wheel and scampering along winding roads with gusto. The brakes on this nearly-new car were very grabby, but that should hopefully settle down with mileage.

The Astra is a solid car. You know what you're getting and, although some of the materials on basement models aren't up to scratch, at the very least, the car does a good job of providing straight-down-the-line mid-size transport for people who don't want to spend the extra on a slightly more spacious compact crossover or SUV.

Vauxhall dealers are usually open to a little haggling, too, so don't take the retail price as gospel. You should pay less than for a broadly equivalent crossover, so there's good value to be had here even if the fashion is currently for faux-4x4s.

This is a car for ordinary people. People who want a well-rounded car to give them transport, enough space and, crucially, the ability to cope with everything from taking the in-laws to Sunday lunch to taking the kids to the seaside. Parents will appreciate this sort of versatility, while some might prefer the lower seating position relative to SUVs, for the better outward view it offers during low-speed manoeuvres.

This car summed up in a single word: Studious.

If this car was a student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, it would be in Hufflepuff house. It's a hard worker and a loyal companion.

Update is practical, usable and a bargain

By Matt Joy

The UK's best selling plug-in hybrid last year was the Mitsubishi Outlander, but now there's an improved version.

It's a good time for all types of electric cars as diesel is going through some dark days, plus the crucial infrastructure is getting better all the time. No wonder then that the Mitsubishi Outlander is so popular, being one of the more affordable PHEVs (plug-in hybrid electric vehicle) as well as one of the most practical.

Now there's a substantially revised version ready for market with changes to the power train operation and the suspension as well as interior and exterior design. Equipment levels have been given a boost too and crucially the Outlander PHEV remains eligible for the Government's £5,000 grant.

The previous Outlander had all the typical SUV design cues you'd expect, but there was something about its proportions that made it look unusually tall for its length. Clearly that was something taken on by Mitsubishi HQ because the new Outlander is longer than before thanks to redesigned front and rear bumpers. The new design is sharper too, giving the Outlander a more distinctive face and boosting the feeling of quality with revised lights and alloy wheel designs too.

The Outlander is also doing great things for Mitsubishi's image in the UK as it currently dominates the PHEV segment and is helping to bring new buyers into the brand.

The Outlander sits comfortably in the mid-sized SUV segment and is well equipped to offer useful space for passengers and luggage. The high driving position is appealing with a low-set dashboard offering a good view out, with more than sufficient head and legroom. It's also spacious in the back, if not class-leading, while boot space is 463 litres – a little less than some rivals, but this is the flip side of carrying the extra electrical hardware.

Modes

The underlying hardware of the Outlander PHEV are as before, with electric motors front and rear combining with a 2.0-litre petrol engine to give a variety of hybrid modes. You can use the petrol engine as a range extender or as direct drive to the wheels, and run the batteries to give a power boost or save their output for pure electric mode. One change is the sharpening of the system response at low speeds, cutting the 0-25mph time by 50 per cent.

Mitsubishi has also worked at improving the overall driving experience.

Retuned suspension with stiffer underpinnings are a help, creating a more composed ride, while the handling is safe and secure for a car of this size and shape. But the Outlander PHEV's biggest appeal is the flexibility of its power train, offering sufficiently brisk performance when required alongside super-frugal economy in the right conditions. It's hard not to feel like you're beating the system when you're behind the wheel.

All things considered, it's hard not to see the Outlander PHEV as something of a bargain. It's priced the same as the equivalent diesel version with the government grant included which means you can sneak into the GX4hs model for a measly £29,249 and get 18-inch alloys, keyless entry and start, Bluetooth and a decent audio system, with a few extra toys thrown in for this latest model. Go the whole hog for £35,999 and there's the satnav with reversing camera, powered tailgate, radar cruise control and even a heated steering wheel.

If there's a car for the moment then the Outlander PHEV is pretty much it. It's practical, comfortable and usable, making it perfect for family car duties, yet the higher-specification versions feel reasonably luxurious too. But it's the potential for zero emissions running and spectacular fuel consumption over short journeys that makes it such an appealing prospect.

This car summed up in a single word: Clever. If this car was a: new invention it would be rightly lauded as a bargain.

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BIRD

Vera

Of Brownhills, late of Norton Canes.

Passed away at Walsall Manor Hospital, on January 9, 2016 aged 83 years, following a short but brave fight against cancer.

Vera will be very deeply missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Service will be held at Streetly Crematorium, on Friday, February 5, at 12.45pm, for those wishing to join Karen and Family in saying goodbye.

Family flowers only please, as donations can be made to either Macmillan Nurses or Ward 12 Charity Fund.

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Pamela

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Pam was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at Lichfield Crematorium, at 2.30pm.

Donations to be shared between St Giles Hospice and Macmillan Nurses.

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LEE

Edna

Of Heath Hayes.

Passed away peacefully at her home on January 20, 2016 aged 93 years.

Reunited with her beloved Husband Eric, also a loving Aunty and Friend.

Service will be held at St. John's Church, on Monday, February 1, at 11am, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

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Trevor

Of Tudor Road, Hednesford, passed away suddenly on Monday, January 18, aged 73 years.

Leaves loving Wife Valerie, Daughters Stephanie, Jennifer and Son Christopher, Grandchildren Stephen, Jamie, Rebecca, Faye and Zara, sadly missed by all.

Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Hednesford, on Thursday, January 28, at 2pm, followed by the Interment in the Churchyard.

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RILEY

Neil

Passed away peacefully after a short illness on January 11, 2016, aged 49 years.

Loving Husband to Sue and devoted Dad to Cara.

A dearly loved Son, Brother and Uncle, Neil will be sadly missed by all.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel at 11.30am.

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GALLEAR

Francis

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Ernest

(Ernie)

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Gladys

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Love from Roy and Family.

in memoriam

ALLEN

George

February 1, 2015.

One year has gone by and many a tear I have shed since I lost you, many more will continue to fall.

You took my happiness with you, the happiest hours of all.

Your loving wife Margaret.

X

Dad

Remembering you is easy Dad, we do it every day but missing you is something that will never go away.

Your loving Daughter Denise and Son-in-Law Dennis.

X

ALLEN

George

Dad

February 1, 2015.

I never ask for miracles but today just one would do, to see the front door open and see our Dad walk through.

Love, June, Peter and Grandchildren.

XXX

ALLEN

George

February 1, 2015.

In memory of Dad who passed away one year ago today.

We miss you every day Dad and wish you could be here with us again.

We miss you but know you are not suffering anymore.

We miss you but know that you are still looking over us all.

We miss you but we know that you are still looking over us all.

We miss you but know that you are still looking over each other.

We miss you but love you lots.

Love your Daughter Susan, Son-in-law Phillip, your Granddaughter Kelly, and the rest of your Family here in Canada.

ALLEN

George

February 1.

We think about you always and talk about you too, we have so many memories but wish we still had you.

From Sisters Margaret and Joan.

GALLEAR

Francis

Each of us in our own way have special thoughts of you today, no longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you are always there.

Chris and Family.

X

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birthday remembrances

MATTHEWS

Ann

February 1.

We send you Birthday wishes, with lots of hugs and kisses. Although we are sad you're not here, in our hearts you're always near.

Happy Birthday Mom. Love you always Em, Jase, June and Grand Kids.

X X X

SHEPARD

Harry

December 24, 1921 to January 29, 2015

Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there, never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every day.

Your loving wife Hilda and Family.

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Eileen Margaret

The McLean Family would like to thank everyone for celebrating Eileens life on January 19, 2016 at St. Marys.

Thanks to Eileens Friends generosity £1000 was raised on the day and has been donated to St. Giles.

Our Mum Eileen would have been so proud of you all.

Thank You.

YATES

Elsie

The Family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy. Rev. Peter Harris for a lovely Service, Conifers Nursing Home and District Nurses.

Funeral Directors Farragher Maguire, Niece Maureen for her loving care over the years, John Friend and Brenda.

Thank You.

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**HUGHES**
Angela and Terry

January 22, 1966.

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Shelley, Marnie and Daniel,

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**Dawson**

Mary

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the following lengths of road:

North Street, Cannock - From its junction with Union Street in a generally north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 35 metres.

East Street, Cannock - From its junction with Union Street in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approximately 30 metres unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works.

The preferred alternative route for traffic will be available via Longford Road, Delta Way, A34 Walsall Road and vice versa.

The Order will come into operation on 13th February 2016, and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 21st February 2016.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the Gas mains replacement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance and Change 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH

Ref: 29526; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000 <http://roadworks.org>

Date: 28th January 2016

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
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ORDER 2015 - ARTICLE 15(3)

Application Number: CH.15/13

The Cabinet (Staffordshire County Council) application for Construction of a new classroom extension and staffroom extension, provision of 14 additional parking spaces, new pedestrian path and wall, and new hard surfaced playground, to convert existing school to a 1 1/2 FE Primary School at Hob Hill C of E Primary School, Armitage Lane, Brereton, Rugeley and the proposed development may not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated within the Green Belt.

Members of the public may view the submitted application, plans and other documents via the Staffordshire Planning web page www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning ('Find a current application'). Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should do so no later than 18 February 2016 by commenting on-line via the Staffordshire Planning web page; by emailing to planning@staffordshire.gov.uk; or, by writing to Planning, Policy & Development Control, Staffordshire County Council, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH. Please note: all comments and representations received in writing will be taken into account and are open to be read by all.

Signed: Darryl Evers on behalf of Staffordshire County Council

Date: 28 January 2016

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council, on 26th January 2016, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of A4601 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, from its junction with A5 (T) Watling Street for a distance of approximately 190 metres in a generally southerly direction unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works, or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.

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The Order will come into operation on 29th January 2016, and the said works (which will take place between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 nightly) will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 13th February 2016.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the carriageway improvement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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No change at the top as leaders record wins

THERE was no change at the top of the Aldridge Snooker League Premier Division table as leaders St John's and second-placed Cannock Cons B both recorded comfortable victories.

The latter ensured the gap between them didn't grow as they won 4-1 at Golden Cue A, while St John's matched their rivals' result - at relegation threatened Aldridge Cons B.

Alistair Morrison was the only Aldridge man to offer any resistance when he defeated youngster Riley Parsons.

Q Bar A kept their slim title hopes alive by demolishing struggling Victoria A 5-0.

Stafford Road B saw their Division One title challenge take a hit with a surprise defeat at basement club Birchills, who had led 2-0. The result saw Stafford slip to third with in-form Bloxwich Memorial B moving into second.

Bloxwich thrashed fellow promotion contenders Darlaston Cons 4-1 on their own tables, while Bentley Moor B have recovered from a poor start to the season and boosted their hopes of taking a step up in standard with a 4-1 win at Amery.

Michael Harris, Mitchell Swain, Neil Somerville and Dean Cattell, with a 42 break, were on the mark for Bentley.

Results Premier Division: Aldridge Cons B 1; St John's SC 4; Bloxwich Memorial A 5; Ogley Hay 0; Golden Cue A 1; Cannock Cons B 4; Landywood SC A 5; Fishley Park 0; Pelsall Social A 1; Lea Hall Club 4; Q Bar A 5; Victoria A 0; Wednesfield Cons 2; Oldbridge Cons 0. Division One: Aldridge Cons C 2; Essington WMC 3; Amery 1; Bentley Moor B 4; Birchills 3; Stafford Road B 2; Darlaston Cons 1; Bloxwich Memorial B 4; Golden Cue C 3; Landywood SC B 2; Lichfield Road BC 2; Atheneum Club 3; Victoria B 3; Q Bar B 2; Norton Vic 4; Wednesfield Cons B 1.

Cannock have sights set on a giant-killing

CANNOCK Cricket Club will be targeting a giant-killing act in the first round of the Staffordshire Cup.

The draw has handed the Staffs Clubs Premier Division side a trip to Birmingham League Division One outfit Old Hill. The winners will then head to Walsall, who are back in the Birmingham League Premier.

Lichfield make the short-trip to Tamworth in round one while the pick of the round two ties sees Wolverhampton entertain Hinckley.

First round: Barlaston v Checkley; Tamworth v Lichfield; Old Hill v Cannock. Second round: Wombourne v Knypersley; Porthill Park v Barlaston or Checkley; Moddershall v Stone; Longton v Leek; Whitmore v Hem Heath; Tamworth or Lichfield v Fordhouses; Wolverhampton v Hinckley; Walsall v Old Hill or Cannock.

Acorn Albion 1 Penkridge 6 – SCSL Div 2 North

PENKRIIDGE made a trip to Burton to play Acorn Albion at the home of the England national team training base at St George's Park in what was only their fourth league game of the season.

The game started slowly with Penkridge retaining most of the possession and moving the ball around on the 3G artificial surface.

Striker Jack Lees was using his pace to get in behind the defence, after a ball from Hodnett put him in. Lees fired in a shot that the keeper tipped around the post. Lees came close just a few minutes later with a looping header that the keeper had to tip over. But there was no let up from the resulting corner as

Penkridge went ahead. The ball drifted to the edge of the box where Beckett was on hand to help the ball back into the area. James Mallaband bought the ball down with his back to goal for Frankie Wynn to smash in through a crowd of players.

But just like that, it became 2-0. Mallaband who had stayed up from a corner, found himself as the furthest player forward as the home keeper spilled a shot from Lees and he prodded the ball home. Despite protests that the home keeper had got the ball in his hands, the goal was given.

The goals kept coming and top scorer Lees was not to be denied. Wynn swung over a cross which was met by Ranford whose effort came back off the

upright only for Lees, following in, to slam home. Lees then made it a double when he latched onto Stuart Ruthven's through ball to fire home and give Penkridge a comfortable 4-0 half-time scoreline.

There were clearly more goals to be had for the visitors but Penkridge made a raft of substitutions which affected the flow of the game and the home side grabbed a lifeline when striker Joe Oakton made the most of a mix-up in defence.

Penkridge quickly hit back and fellow sub Tom Pickford turned sharply in the box before firing past the home keeper. With 10 minutes remaining, Richie Miller capped a fine display with his eighth of the season.

Clubs to vote on a change in format

THE Staffs Clubs Cricket League is poised for a split in format this season.

A proposal will be voted on at the league's AGM next month on whether to introduce straight win or loss cricket alongside the present formula that includes winning and losing draws.

The Birmingham League is played under split rules.

"There is a proposal for a split format," said league secretary Kevin Herbert.

"That will be voted on by the clubs at the AGM at Springfield on February 9."

"We have already had a straw poll and the clubs were in favour, but obviously nothing can be finalised until the AGM and people do change their minds.

"I think it will be a good move if it goes through. We are a feeder league to the Birmingham League and that is the format they play."

"It will give the champions of our league the experience of playing the different formats and they won't be playing catch up when they go up.

Discuss

"It is a different game and requires a different approach."

But while the Birmingham League's 11 games of win or lose cricket are at the start and end of the campaign, the Staffs Club are looking to play theirs through the middle of the season.

"The clubs suggested doing it the middle of the summer because that's when you get more hours of daylight and the games do take a bit longer to play," said Herbert.

"It was good to see the clubs coming forward with ideas. Both the league and the clubs were keen to discuss the possible change."

"The results of the recent cricket survey suggested players in Staffordshire wanted to sample win and lose cricket."

"It's got to be for the benefit of the players. We have got to give the players what they want."

He added: "We proposed three or four years ago to go the whole hog and have win lose cricket but it was voted out by two votes."

If the proposal goes through the change will affect clubs in the top three divisions - Premier, Premier A and Division One.

Dennant jumps Q for pro tour



Matthew Dennant of Bloxwich is aiming for the top after qualifying as a darts pro

BLOXWICH'S Matthew Dennant knows the hard work is only just beginning after landing a place on the PDC Pro Tour through Qualifying School.

The 24-year-old thrower is now a fully-fledged PDC professional for the next two years, after coming through Q School at the fourth attempt.

He now joins the world's top stars on their bread and butter

'floor' (non-television events) circuit, having previously competed on the organisation's Youth and Challenge tours.

Six qualifiers, open to everyone who went to Q School, will determine who goes to Butlin's in Minehead for the 128-player event.

Then it's on to the Pro Tour Only Players Championship, which starts in March.

Dennant, who works as a re-

cruitment advisor for Carillion, said: "I think I'm capable of beating anyone on my day and this is where I need to show it."

Dennant's father Garry played locally, while his grandmother Jean represented Shropshire.

Dennant also practises two nights a week with Chris Mason, the former BDO and PDC professional who is now based in Huddersfield.

Chasetown in shape as they see off Crescent

IN Division 1 of the Wolverhampton City Netball club bragging rights went to Whitmore X as they pipped clubmates Whitmore X by one goal in a 22-21 thriller.

Sam 2 and Sam 3 met in Division 2 with Sam 2 showing their supremacy coming out on top with a 23-17 victory. Chasetown Mix overcame Crescent 17-10.

Division 2 saw Phoenix Hornets beat Fusion, Lucas got the better of Whitmore T and Sam 4 went down narrowly to Ladybirds 27-29.

Blaze were far too hot for Dolls 2 gaining a 20-13 victory in Division 3. Eurostars saw off Wordsley Storks 18-13. Libra Lea Navy were too good for Jupiter, sailing off with a 29-16 victory. Whitmore Z went on a run beating Cresta 20-13.

Sedgley Sirens from Division 4 overcame Amec Ladies 27-26, while Stourbridge Jets Black edged out Phoenix Scorpions 21-16.

Division 5 saw Zimmers lose out to Sam 5. Smestow Ladies went down heavily to Stourbridge Jets Blue. Zimmers and Smestow Ladies played each other, with the latter coming out on top.

Allsortz and Thundercats fought out a 14-14 draw.

Results Division 1: Whitmore X 21; Sam 3 17; Sam 2 23; Crescent 10; Chasetown Mix 17.

Division 2: Fusion 10; Phoenix Hornets 17; Ladybirds 29; Sam 4 27; Lucas 22; Whitmore T 15.

Division 3: Dolls 2 13; Blaze 20; Wordsley Stars 13; Eurostars 18; Libra Lea Navy 29; Jupiter 16; Cresta 13; Whitmore 22.

Division 4: Sedgley Sirens 27; Amec Ladies 26; Phoenix Scorpions 16; Stourbridge Jets Black 21; Flames 10; Inspire 0.

Division 5: Vipers 18; Allsorts 21; Breezers 18; Allsorts 21; Thundercats 16; Zimmers 18; Sam 5 28; Smestow Ladies 2; Stourbridge Jets Black 37; Zimmers 24; Smestow Ladies 8.

Mason loses out as 'Yozza' retains crown

HEDNESFORD'S Chris Mason was beaten by Tipton's Jamie Hughes as 'Yozza' retained his BDO Romanian Classic title.

It was the Black Country thrower's first competitive action since reaching the last four of the world championships earlier this month.

The Lakeside 2016 semi-finalist went all of the way at the Intercontinental Hotel in Bucharest to claim his sixth BDO ranking title.

He was imperious in the final, dropping just a leg in a 6-1 victory over Alan Bell.

'Yozza' had opened his challenge with a 4-0 whitewash of Mamin de Beer. The 29-year-old then overcame Mason, another worlds semi-finalist, 4-1.

Matt Dickinson was beaten 4-2 to set up a semi-final against Krzysztof Ratajski, whom he beat 5-1.

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Matt Joss was next to breach the Handsworth defences, running a hard line through the defenders to score under the posts. This was followed by a try from Boden, who glided through to mean Rugeley had put themselves in a dominant position – one which they were able to retain until half time.

Handsworth shuffled their players at the interval and a more experienced back got the upper hand on Rugeley in the set piece.

A line out led to a score in the corner, followed by a push over try to bring Handsworth back within seven points. Rugeley rallied and went through the phases and Carl Johnson took the ball from the back of a ruck following good work from Sam Spink and powered over.

Handsworth rallied a push over score was followed by a well worked move from the back of the scrum and with 10 minutes to go and Handsworth on the attack it looked like the game would go to the wire. Handsworth were penalised for holding on following an attacking line out and Boden cleared his lines leaving Rugeley to close out the game in the Handsworth 22.

Rugeley 2nds beat the Birmingham Barbarians 15-0.

This week Rugeley 1sts travel to Telford for a crucial league match.

Big Ron date at golf club

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Congratulations for James Dance

Brooks nicks point at the death

Chasetown 2 Lincoln Utd 2
PLAY-OFF chasing Chasetown were held to a 2-2 draw by Lincoln United at the Scholars Ground last Saturday.

An even first half failed to separate the sides with neither team able to find a serious attempt at goal.

Probably the best chance of the first half came with a Lincoln free-kick from 20 yards which Rob Norris curled high and wide.

The game only came to life straight after the break though as

Mitch Griffiths opened up the home defence and Norris slotted home from close range.

Chasetown levelled as centre back Henry Eze forced forward and teed up James Dance to drill a low shot beyond Richard Walton.

Highlight

With defences dominating it was somewhat ironic that Eze provided a highlight of the second period with an attacking run that saw him slalom past three visiting defenders before almost creating a shot at goal.

Both sides spent much of the game cancelling each out so it was only going to be a bit of magic to break the deadlock and that came four minutes from time.

Nick Turton accelerated down the wing and cut the ball back for Paul Sullivan who slid in at the near post to convert for the hosts.

The home side thought that was the winner but in a dramatic conclusion Lincoln restored parity with a long range Dan Brooks drive.

Head coach bemoans 'worst ever' injury list

WOLVES' growing injury crisis is the worst during Kenny Jackett's two-and-a-half year tenure, the boss has bemoaned.

David Edwards is out for three months with a broken metatarsal and new Polish signing Michal Zyro faces up to two months on the sidelines with a calf problem.

They join Jordan Graham, Bjorn Sigurdsson, Kortney Hause, Emiliano Martinez, Nouha Dicko and Razak Boukari in the treatment room. And the injuries add pressure to the Wolves hierarchy to supplement the squad with new signings before the transfer window shuts on Monday.

Jackett and Co have a week to assess their options, with Wolves not playing until they host Bolton next Tuesday (February 2).

"It's a high list, as high as I've had since I've been here," said Jackett, who revealed Hause is back in full training.

"These things happen. We work as hard as we can to prevent them but I think in these cases there isn't really anything that could have been done. Meantime there are opportunities for other people."

"Wolves is a club that works very hard at its young players, so when you do get injuries there'll be opportunities for young players, definitely," he said.

"We have the academy and the under-21 system to supplement and make sure that when chances like this come you have players that can come through. There's many careers been made in situations like that."

Wolves are closing in on the signing of 17-year-old defender Hakeem Odofin from Barnet for a fee believed to be around £100,000.

More twists to come for the Saddlers

BOSS Sean O'Driscoll believes there will be more twists and turns in the League One title race but is confident his Walsall side will stay in contention.

Walsall missed out on returning to the summit when they conceded a last-minute equaliser against Blackpool on Saturday. But O'Driscoll believes there is plenty of time to move back to the top of the table.

"Nobody is going to run away with this division," the head coach said.

"Whether you are first, second, third, fourth, fifth – I don't think it really matters at this point."

"We are trying to keep every game in perspective."

"We just have to keep our feet on the ground and maintain a level of consistency that ensures at the end of the season we are there or thereabouts."

Pitmen fail to get rub of the green

Boston Utd 3 Hednesford Town 1
DESPITE taking the lead in a promising performance, luck wasn't on the Pitmen's side as they came home empty handed.

The match took off at a furious pace and twice in the first eight minutes Hednesford goalkeeper Dan Crane was forced to make point blank saves. The visitors themselves came close with a Sean Williams free-kick being tipped over the bar and a cross into the box from Shelton Payne which Ahmed Obeng could not convert.

It was the Pitmen who struck first in the 11th minute when a wonderfully-worked free-kick from Williams slipped Payne down the side of the home defence and his cross was turned in first time by Stephane Ngamvoulo.

However, the lead was short-lived as four minutes later the home side were level.

Grant Roberts positioned himself under a high ball and fired a fearsome low volley past Crane on his near post.

As the game drew towards half-time the visitors should have taken the lead.

Crunching

Obeng was first denied a free-kick on the edge of the box as a crunching tackle from behind was adjudged to be fair by the referee, but then in injury time the same player had a glorious opportunity as he broke into the box only to drive his shot past the upright.

Six minutes after the interval, Boston striker John Sands spurned a similar opportunity by steering his shot high and wide as Crane tried to cover the gaping net but a flashpoint came in the 55th minute.

Young defender Jack Fitzwater, on loan from Albion, made a heavy challenge on a Boston player and was given a ticking off by the match referee. As he turned away to return to his position the referee flashed the yellow card at the player.

The Pitmen continued to attack with intent and in the 65th minute Williams picked out striker Kyle Perry but his shot cannoned off the crossbar and away to safety.

As Hednesford continued to push for a winning goal it was a breakaway by Boston that proved to



Stephane Ngamvoulo is congratulated by teammates after scoring for Pitmen

be the turning point. Fitzwater had been drawn over to the left side near to the halfway line and with a lack of defensive cover brought down the Boston player, completely unaware that he had been cautioned earlier in the game.

In the confusion that followed and after discussions between the match officials, the youngster was shown his second yellow and had to leave the field, with Matt Regan coming on as substitute for Obeng to cover the

central defensive position. However, it was Regan's clumsy challenge in the 83rd minute that ended with a penalty kick for the home side which was duly converted by Lewis Hilliard.

The Pitmen's misery was compounded in the 86th minute as an incident in the technical area resulted in Sinclair being sent to the dressing room and, as he walked behind the goal, he witnessed Boston's third goal as Kaine Felix headed in at the far post.

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Interval blast inspires win over old boss

A HALF-time blast from boss Frank Sinclair helped inspire Hednesford's crucial win against relegation rivals AFC Telford in National League North.

Graham Hutchinson's first-half header gave former Pitmen boss Rob Smith's Telford side a half-time lead in a fiery clash at the New Bucks Head.

And boss Sinclair revealed he was far from happy with his players at half-time.

"For 45 minutes we didn't play," he said.

"That was very disappointing because I think the enormity of the game took its toll."

"It was an enormous game and we froze. I didn't see that coming because we have got brave lads in there who want to get on the ball and want to play.

"Telford deserved to go in one goal up at half-time," said Sinclair.

"I had to get into the boys and told them to have a go at them. I hope I don't have to do that too often because I will lose my voice very quickly."

Despite being disappointed at the half-time deficit, Sinclair was delighted with the reaction his side showed.

"I want us to be brave and have a go at teams and the second half was much more like us," he added.

"I tweaked the team a little bit and I thought in the second half we were unbelievable. We turned it around with some good goals."

"It was never going to be pretty game because there was too much on it. I knew it was going to be a difficult game and it was."

"But we got that reaction from the players. I knew I would get it because they are an honest bunch and in the end we got what we deserved."

The Pitmen welcome Curzon Ashton for a league game this Saturday, kick off at Keys Park.

Player search held up by high wage demands – Jackett

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has moaned sky-high wage demands as a 'big problem' in his club's drawn-out search for first team signings.

The likes of Nick Blackman, Gary Hooper, Conor Washington, Yann Kermorgant, have all been snapped up by Championship rivals.

And Jackett suggested wages were proving to be a stumbling block.

"While we all want to step forward and we all want to make a better team and a better squad, the club is up for sale."

"There is money available, we are looking for players, yes."

"But it is also a situation where even on player wages we're not going to just suddenly open up on wages."

"And while there is transfer funds available to buy players – and we've always tried to add young players and develop young players here – it's quite often wages that hold you back."

"We want to be improving the team and spending money, we do get that."

"There has to be a degree of common sense to our decisions."

Cricket club plots cup giant-killing

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Out of luck in Boston clash

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Frank praise after Rangers sent packing

HEDNESFORD Town boss Frank Sinclair hailed his players after their impressive derby victory over Stafford Rangers.

The Pitmen strode confidently into the Staffordshire Senior Cup semi-finals with a 4-1 win over their fierce rivals at Marston Road.

Former Albion defender Sinclair, who was appointed last month following the sacking of Bernard McNally, targeted success in the competition while acknowledging the overall goal of league survival.

He said: "The attitude and application was fantastic. It was an under-strength Stafford Rangers but we both have our own objectives."

"We will certainly take the cup. The main objective are league games but we'll wait for the draw and use the competition wisely – it is vital in getting games for players coming back from injury."

The Pitmen chief admitted he found it strange that one of his first games as manager came just down the road from where it all began as a player.

"It's bizarre really," the ex-Albion, Chelsea and Leicester City man added. "I started at West Brom and played my first games in the Football League there. It's not a million miles away which is quite strange."

"I feel very much at home back here, even after everywhere I've played."

Sinclair also took time to praise the Pitmen hierarchy, who have helped him make a seamless move into the Keys Park hot seat.

"There is a chairman here in Steve Price who will bend over backwards to match the demands I have of the club," he added. "Likewise with secretary Terry McMahon. They're doing everything possible to help me as much as they can."

Sinclair also praised opponents Rangers, who are 18 points clear at the top of the Evo-Stik First Division South.

Scholars' bright start to no avail



Francino Francis in aerial action

Basford United 0 Chasetown 2
CHASETOWN went down 2-0 on Tuesday night despite a bright start.

The Scholars saw an early chance fall to Stan Mugisha whose first time volley was well held by home keeper Jake Wood.

Leading scorer Paul Sullivan drove a shot a whisker wide inside the first quarter of the game, but the hosts took the lead against the run of the game as Courney Grantham powered a header against the crossbar and Rob Darkin bundled home.

Wood had a lucky escape at the end of the half, mistaking a through ball but Mugisha was unable to capitalise and the United defence cleared. Richard

Football

Davies was denied by a brilliant save at the start of the second period from Wood.

Chasetown continued to push for an equaliser and Jono Gould's in-swinging corner was headed goalwards by Ryan Wynter and deflected onto the bar.

Basford doubled their lead in the 80th minute.

Kyle Dixon forced a brilliant save from John Bateman but Rueben Wiggins-Thomas followed up to smash the ball home.

Chasetown travel to the world's oldest club, Sheffield FC, on Saturday.

PITMEN OUT OF DROP ZONE

AFC Telford 1 Hednesford Town 3

HEDNESFORD moved out of the National League North drop zone after securing an emphatic 3-1 victory against relegation rivals AFC Telford – and their old boss Rob Smith.

In a fiery clash at the New Bucks Head – played at the third time of asking – Frank Sinclair's side were quickest out the blocks and would have taken a first-half lead but for an outstanding stop from on-loan Wolves keeper Harry Burgoyne.

The talented youngster got down brilliantly to save at the feet of Kyle Perry who looked destined to tap home Shelton Payne's excellent cross.

Hednesford were made to pay when Tom Tonks arrowed a long throw into the box and Graham Hutchinson glanced a header into the bottom corner. But the Pitmen equalised shortly after the break when Payne's cross was powerfully headed home by Perry.

Lashed

Sinclair's side took the lead when Adam Thomas lashed home following Ben Bailey's long throw. Tom James then secured the points in the relegation six-pointer by firing home in stoppage time.

Hednesford fully deserved their win. The result sees Hednesford move out of the relegation zone while Smith's Telford stay bottom.

The hosts were handed a huge let-off just after the 10 minute mark after Hutchinson had surrendered possession. The defender's heavy touch let in Ahmed Obeng who raced away down the right side.

Obeng lifted his head and squared for Kyle Perry, the forward was in acres of space but was instantly thwarted by the on-rushing Burgoyne who spread himself brilliantly.

Hednesford's long throws were causing problems and as Bailey's effort bobbed around, Payne cut inside well and fired straight through a number of bodies but Burgoyne was equal to it and did well to keep hold of the rebound. The lively Payne



Ben Bailey and Kennedy Digie outnumber Telford's Dave Hibbert

had another effort well kept out by the on-loan Wolves keeper before the Bucks were rewarded by taking the lead.

Again a throw was involved as Hutchinson connected to a Tonks launch and glanced a header into the far post. Eusebio Bancescu, another Wolves loanee, fired narrowly wide in the second half and Smith's side were made to pay almost instantly as the visitors equalised through ex-Buck Perry.

Superb wing play from Payne saw him ride a number of Telford challenges before crossing superbly for Perry who nodded in on the six yard line. Telford's debutant substitute George Bow-

erman, formerly of Walsall, headed a loose ball against the post and goalkeeper before touching the rebound in – only to be pulled up for a foul by referee Darren Strain.

The hosts were punished by Hednesford as Perry's lay-off was met by Thomas, unmarked on the edge of the box, to fire above Burgoyne via a deflection and sub James wrapped it up in stoppage time.

AFC Telford United: Burgoyne, Samuels, Campion, Tilt, Hutchinson, Bowesman, 66). Hibbert, Subs not used: Montgomery, Rows, Hednesford Town: Crane, Thomas, Truelove, Bailey, Fitzwater, Digie, Obeng (Ennis, 79), Williams, Perry, Ngamvoulo, Payne (James, 85). Subs not used: Ransome, Regan, Patterson. Referee: Darren Strain. Attendance: 1,257

United's game falls foul of the weather

SATURDAY'S game between Cannock United and Barton United fell foul to the bad weather.

The next game is in the Staffordshire County Senior League Division 2 South on Saturday at home to Acorn Albion, kick off at 2pm.

Cannock United's home ground is at Norton Canes Community Centre, Brownhills Road.

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